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## Arab groupings represent a gathering of interests: Hamad

By Ahmed Al Jarallah

THE three Arab groupings represent a gathering of interests which their member countries have in common, and the GCC perceives the formation of the two new councils as positive steps leading to linking the joint interests of all Arabs, the Crown Prince of Bahrain, Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa told

the Arab Times, in an interview. He praised King Fahd's visit to Baghdad and Cairo as timely, saying the agreements signed between Iraq and Saudi Arabia underline the fact that Arab countries should never use force in solving disputes.

Sheikh Hamad said Bahrain hopes to reactivate its industrial sector by creating new industries, including tourism, adding that

the regional security required for this will be ensured by the contributions of individual citizens as various activities are relocated from the public sector to the private sector. He said the industrial progress achieved by Saudi Arabia was an encouraging example in this respect.

Affirming that the Iraq-Iran conflict has indeed ended, Sheikh Hamad said the Gulf region is

ripe for industrial development on an international scale. The role of government towards this aim lies in the areas of legislation, security, and diplomacy, he said, while it is up to the private sector to fulfil its responsibilities by strengthening the local economy and not relying on the international market.

Sheikh Hamad emphasised

the importance of direct personal contact between Gulf leaders in resolving regional issues, saying this would in turn ensure the increased inter-linkage of people

### EXCLUSIVE

pies in the area. Neither Iraq nor Iran have

anything to gain by resuming a state of war, Sheikh Hamad said. Rather, the war to be waged now should be the war for development, he said, by patching up differences and strengthening mutual interests world-wide. The result could mean tapping into the wellspring of industrial production, he said, something the Gulf region is ready to do alongside the countries of South-

east Asia. The regional co-operation councils will help establish the economic integration needed for this, he said. With this in mind, Bahrain has begun to establish industries designed to meet the requirements of the entire Gulf region, Sheikh Hamad said.

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## Legal CLINIC

THE Arab Times today starts a new weekly column, the Legal Clinic, for the benefit of readers who face legal problems. We invite both Kuwaitis and expatriates to send us questions that will be answered free of charge by our attorney. See page 4

## Assaulted Filipino maid may not survive

By Jindrakta Porter  
Arab Times staff

A FILIPINO maid, who was brutally assaulted last Monday by her employer's wife, is in critical condition and may not survive, police and other sources said.

The case, registered with the Salimiya police station, is now in the hands of a prosecutor who has filed a case against the employer's wife, a Salimiya police station spokesman said. He declined to identify the attacker but said that if the maid survives the assailant may be sentenced to at least five years in prison.

The maid, Maria Latrevia, 25, is now surviving with the help of an artificial respiration machine. The Filipina was brought to the Mubarak Al Kabeer Hospital by a Salimiya police station patrol with broken ribs, bruises and extensive injury to her stomach. She was rushed to the operation theatre and has undergone several operations.

Information about what led to the assault was not immediately available. The police spokesman said the employer had previously lodged a complaint that the maid was not efficient.

This is only one of many cases which speaks of the troubled relationship between Filipino maids and their employers.

The embassy of Philippines in Kuwait says it receives 40 complaints a day from Filipinas working as domestics. The difficulties prompted the government of President Corazon Aquino in 1987 to stop Filipinas from taking domestic jobs in the Middle East. The ban reinforced in March 1988 has proved ineffective, an embassy spokesman said. Hundreds of Filipinas, lured by promises of attractive pay, weekly leave the country as tourists and head for the Gulf to work as housemaids, he added.

## DAY BY DAY

INDEED, the Sheffield stadium incident in which 94 people died and more than 200 were seriously injured is a catastrophe.

The people died in a hair-raising manner when the fence fell on them. What would have been the reaction had this incident taken place in a Third World country? What would they have said about the contractor of the stadium and the quality of cement or steel used?

"We can only assume people were trying to pull themselves out by grabbing hold of the person nearest," said spokesman Derek Hull.

"We were like caged animals in a zoo," said 17-year-old fan Mark Meller.

Wreaths and flowers were laid on the terraces as night fell and the ground's gymnasium was turned into a makeshift mortuary.

All Liverpool's remaining games this season have been suspended "for the time being" following the tragedy, Liverpool chairman John Smith said.

Three people were killed in Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's hometown of Larkana on Thursday, police said. Masked gunmen then shot dead a man and wounded two others in nearby Sukkur on Friday night.

## 4 die in Sind riots

KARACHI, April 16, (Reuters): Pakistani troops were rushed to a dozen towns in Sind province yesterday after four people died in ethnic violence.

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Liverpool fans scream as they are pinned against a crush barrier. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Khomeini is purging Montazeri supporters

LONDON, April 16, (KUNA): Iran is suffering another "nationwide purge" as Ayatollah Khomeini takes his revenge against his former successor Ayatollah Montazeri, according to a report here today.

The Sunday Times newspaper pointed out that Khomeini had forced Montazeri to resign after they fell out over Salman Rushdie's book *The Satanic Verses*.

Montazeri, 65, has been beaten up, and a number of his relatives detained, according to sources in Qom, his main power base, the paper claimed.

The Sunday Times said the purge is aimed at the "detention and rejection" of all pro-Montazeri elements from the "Army, the Revolutionary Guards, the administration, the universities and especially the clergy."

"The political crisis," as the weekly described it, had triggered after Khomeini had caused a worldwide reaction by "sentencing to death" Rushdie.

The paper revealed that Montazeri told Khomeini that he was "misled" over the Rushdie affair and that he could not condemn a book without having read it, and he could not condemn Rushdie to death without proving his guilt.

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## Joint talks in Kuwait soon

## Shelling causes havoc in Beirut

to Acting Premier Salim Hoss, and civil defence workers expected the toll to rise.

An Italian tanker was hit by a shell eight miles (13 kilometres) off Beirut port, but there were no injuries, an Italian embassy official said.

Police said sporadic shelling duels intensified yesterday before sundown as gunners from both sides blasted Beirut and its surroundings. Four people were killed and 31 wounded, according to police figures.

Fourteen seriously wounded Christians were ferried to a French Navy hospital ship anchored off Beirut as a French humanitarian mission got under way, but it was unclear whether Muslims would participate.

A police spokesman, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the French ship had dropped anchor in Lebanese waters 10 miles (16 kilometres) off the port of Jounieh, where visiting French Minister for Humanitarian Assistance Bernard Kouchner was supervising the mission, the police spokesman said.

The gunboat returned with "quantities of medicines" for hospitals in the 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave, which includes East Beirut, the spokesman said.

The French embassy said in a statement "the ship is staying and...Bernard Kouchner is maintaining contacts with Acting Premier Hoss to receive another batch of the wounded."

The current violence erupted after Aoun ordered a blockade of militia-run ports along the Lebanon coast.

## Gaza Strip residents confined to their homes

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, April 16, (Reuters): Gaza Strip residents were confined to their homes in case of unrest on the eve of today's first anniversary of the assassination of a top PLO leader in Tunis.

A curfew was also in force in parts of the West Bank, where Palestinians said troops shot dead a 23-year-old youth during a clash in the Dheisheh refugee camp near Bethlehem. Arab hospital officials said it was too soon to say whether they would suffer serious brain damage if they survive.

Calling it "a disaster of immense proportions," Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher said today that investigators would try to determine why the soccer fans were crushed to death during a match.

As Thatcher inspected the scene of disaster, lawmakers called today for banning the anti-riot fences that kept crowds from escaping when a crush of people crowded the soccer stadium.

"There will, of course, be a public inquiry," Thatcher said before going to see some of the injured fans. "It is a disaster of immense proportions, coming on top of previous disasters, coming on top of many precautions which have already been taken, which clearly were not enough."

Prayers for the victims were said in many churches, outside the stadium, people came to lay flowers and teams scarves in memory of the dead. Some left weeping.

One bouquet said: "Soccer lovers of the world unite. Live in peace."

Government inspectors from the health and safety executive examined the fences and crush barriers at the Sheffield stadium.

Pope John Paul today sent his condolences to victims of the tragedy and the families "whose loved ones had left home for a day of relaxation and enjoyment."

The Vatican said the Pope sent a telegram through his Secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli to the leader of the Catholic church in England, Cardinal Basil Hume.

The surge occurred as police unwittingly opened what one newspaper headline called the "Gates of hell" to let in more than 1,000 people crowding a side-entrance.

Frenzied fans climbed over each other and clawed at fencing to reach safety. Helping hands

caught at the front of the stand were squashed helpless against steel mesh, their faces turning blue from lack of oxygen.

Their voices were drowned by the shouts of rival supporters unaware of the drama unfolding across the stadium at the start of the match, a Football Association Cup semifinal between Liverpool and Nottingham Forest.

"I was at the front and stuck up against the fence. There were railings down either side. It was like being in a cage," survivor Stuart McGeagh said.

"I thought I was going to die. I was getting short of breath...the weight on me was tremendous."

People on the outside clawed at the wiring in a vain attempt to help those trapped. One couple described how they tried vainly to keep a young girl alive by giving her mouth-to-mouth resuscitation through the wiring.

"It seemed as if it was four deep in dead bodies with people climbing over them," witness Stuart McGeagh said.

There were screams of horror as young fans and children



An injured fan is comforted by a rescuer. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Imelda's days of comic tragedy can rival a soap opera

HONOLULU, April 16, (AP): Former Philippines first lady Imelda Marcos, faced with the prospect of standing trial alone on racketeering charges, describes her life these days as a "comic tragedy." But she remains optimistic that "someone will decide what's right and we will go home."

In some respects, indeed, Imelda's current problems would rival the plot of any soap opera. Her husband, Ferdinand, is dying in jail. So, there is hope, she said. "The whole trouble is that it (the Marcos case) ... has become such a monster that nobody wants to touch it with a 10-foot-pole. But I think someone will decide what's right and we will

employees face deportation, her mother-in-law lies unburied for nearly a year, she is charged with racketeering in the United States and accused of avarice in the Philippines and she cannot go home.

The problems just overlap, one after another. But now, Ferdinand is alive. I am not in jail. So, there is hope, she said. "The whole trouble is that it (the Marcos case) ... has become such a monster that nobody wants to touch it with a 10-foot-pole. But I think someone will decide what's right and we will

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Imelda's woes

# Aquino ignoring persecution of church

## Catholic leaders angry over killings

MAHAYAG, Philippines, April 16, (AP): A Roman Catholic bishop told mourners at the funeral of a slain priest that President Corazon Aquino, who rose to power with the support of Catholic leaders, is ignoring military persecution of the church.

"While President Aquino is being made more and more aware of the terrible human rights record of her government, she does not seem to fully accept the reality," the Rev. Antonio Tobias, bishop of Pagadian

Diocese, said during the funeral yesterday of Rev. Dionisio Malaya.

Malaya was gunned down April 6 in the nearby Mindanao Island town of Tabina along with Rufino Rivera, a town councilman.

Catholic leaders rallied to Aquino's 1986 election campaign. After a vote marred by fraud in which former leader Ferdinand Marcos claimed victory, Aquino announced a civil disobedience campaign that drew the support of the military.

Cardinal Jaime L. Sin, archbishop of Manila, appealed to the people to turn out in front of military camps to protect the mutineers. Hundreds of thousands headed the call and Marcos was forced into exile in the United States.

But Catholic priests, nuns and bishops have been increasingly critical of Aquino for failing to deliver on her promise of championing social justice in her impoverished nation.

About 85 per cent of the country's 57 million people are Cath-

olic and Aquino is a devout Catholic.

Police say Malaya and Rivera were slain by a soldier and an anti-communist militiaman, both of whom were drunk, who have been arrested on charges brought at the urging of local church officials.

### Abuses

Priests say the killings illustrate the abuses suffered by civilians at the hands of an unruly military. Military officials say the two victims were killed during an argument and that the case had nothing to do with politics.

The military faces insurrections by both communist and Muslim guerrillas on Mindanao Island. In December, Amnesty International reported a "pattern of torture" and human rights violations by military and paramilitary units as part of their campaign against communist rebels.

Tobias said nine priests and lay workers have been slain in the Philippines since 1987.

Bangladesh prays for rain as heat burns crops

DHAKA, April 16, (Reuters): Millions of Bangladeshis thronged into mosques, temples and pagodas today to offer special prayers for rain as scorching heat burned croplands and cut drinking water supplies.

Religious leaders said they prayed to God to be merciful and to bestow enough water to wet the baking earth.

Bangladeshis view the fact that the Bengali new year on Friday passed off for the first time in living memory without rains as a bad omen.

"Something is definitely wrong with nature," said a meteorologist at Dhaka Weather Office.

Agriculture officials said more than one million hectares (2.5 million acres) of jute and rice had already dried up in the northern districts of Rajshahi, Pabna, Bogra, Rangpur and Dinajpur.

Thousands of acres more have turned grey or become diseased because of lack of water, they told reporters.

Weather officials said temperatures approaching 40 degrees Centigrade (110 Fahrenheit) dried up many canals, wells and even some rivers, causing a serious water shortage.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Two blacks killed

JOHANNESBURG, April 16, (Reuters): Two black men were stabbed to death when a crowd of blacks attacked a house in Ntalamala township, near the Natal provincial capital Pietermaritzburg, police said today.

A daily police report on political unrest also said a man was seriously injured in a township knife attack near Natal's port city of Durban.

### Supersonic speed records

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 16, (AP): A Concorde jetliner with 91 tourists aboard will take off for Kenya tomorrow in its quest to set supersonic speed records, airline officials said today.

The British Airways plane landed at Colombo airport at 1.32 pm (0802 GMT) yesterday after a flight from Perth, Australia, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

They said the plane was scheduled to take off for Mombasa, Kenya, at 11.30 am (0600 GMT) tomorrow.

### Vietnamese refugees land

MANILA, Philippines, April 16, (AP): A total of 240 Vietnamese refugees in two groups have sailed into Philippine waters in the last nine days, the military and press reports said today.

A naval police patrol rescued a group of 149 refugees on April 8 off the coast of Mariveles in Bataan, 40 miles (64 kms) southwest of Manila across Manila Bay, the official Philippine News Agency reported.

### Museums guard arrested

VATICAN CITY, April 16, (AP): A man employed as a guard in the Vatican museums was arrested and charged with selling cocaine, the news agency ANSA reported yesterday.

Police detectives shadowed Giulio Giacconi, 27, for several days before arresting him Friday night as he was handing a client a small bag containing 50 grammes (1.75 ounces) of cocaine, ANSA said.

### Fire injures 29

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, April 16, (AP): A fire at a warehouse injured 29 people and nearly spread to a chemical storage facility before it was put out by thousands of firefighters, soldiers and workers, a news agency said yesterday.

## Thief in royal household identified

LONDON, April 16, (KUNA): Scotland Yard has identified the member of the royal staff who stole Princess Anne's letters, it was claimed here today.

But the popular newspaper, the Mail on Sunday, said the thief may never be charged.

The letters, written by unmarried Commander Timothy Laurence, the Queen's equerry, were earlier passed to another mass-circulation newspaper, the Sun.

Now after an unprecedented 10 day investigation into the affairs of the royal household, detectives face a dilemma over whether to bring charges.

The weekly believed that such a move might cause more embarrassment to Princess Anne, the only daughter of the British Queen, if her correspondence is discussed in court.

The contents of the letters were not made public and press speculations claimed that the

Princess Royal's marriage to Captain Mark Phillips was on the brink of collapse.

The letters are said to be "warm and intimate" but the Mail on Sunday played down today their importance. It said their contents are "nothing more than innocuous messages between close friends."

However, the affair has thrown an "unwelcome spotlight on the Princess Royal's troubled marriage."

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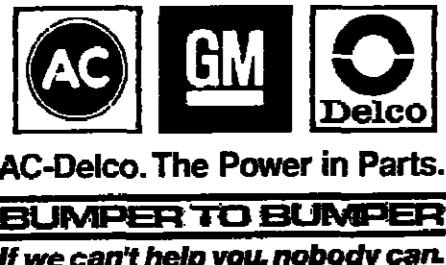
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## Moscow march planned

MOSCOW, April 16, (AP): Activists plan to demonstrate today to demand a full investigation

of bloody clashes between soldiers and pro-independence demonstrators in Soviet Georgia and dismissals of senior police and KBG officials.

Announcing the planned Moscow demonstration, the activists said yesterday that three of at least 19 demonstrators

killed on April 12 fell victim to a chemical used by troops wading into a pro-independence rally.

One of the activists also alleged that authorities, before they broke up the rally in the Georgian capital of Tbilisi, had advised local hospitals to expect casualties.

Officials said 19 people died in the clash, but Georgian nationalists have put the death toll at up to 50.

Kornilova also said three people died from the spraying or injection of a chemical. Dr Mirab Urushadze at the Central Republican hospital in Tbilisi confirmed in a telephone interview that a number of people had been hospitalized from the effects of the unknown gas but said he knew of no deaths.

the week of protests and gathered information from witnesses.

She said hospitals were told to prepare for casualties two hours before the soldiers began to forcibly clear out demonstrators.

Georgian officials have said they did not expect fatalities when they ordered an end to the rallies in downtown Tbilisi.

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The deaths, discovered yesterday, brought the number of killings so far to seven as police in helicopters and at roadblocks stepped up their search for the suspected killer, 28-year-old Ramon Salcido.

The suspect is armed and extremely dangerous, and everyone is in danger at this point, Sonoma county sheriff Richard Michaelson said. Certainly Ramon Salcido is not going to give up easily.

Police, led by an anonymous telephone caller to a quarry used as a dump site near Petaluma, 30 miles (50 km) north of San Francisco, found the bodies of Salcido's two-year-old daughter, Teresa, and her four-year-old sister, Sophia. Their sister, Carmina, three, had a six-inch (15 cm) slash across her throat and was rushed to a local hospital.

# Lanka welcomes peace talks offer

## Tigers told to send representatives

COLOMBO, April 16, (AP): Sri Lankan President Ranasinghe Premadasa today responded to a militant Tamil offer to talk peace by asking their main political leader to send representatives to meet him, official sources said.

Evan Cooray, press secretary at the presidential secretariat, said a message has been conveyed to Anton Balasingham, political leader of the Tamil Tigers, asking him to nominate accredited representatives to talk with Premadasa.

Cooray said the message signed by K. H. A. Wijayadasa, secretary to the President, addressed to Balasingham read:

"Your message to have a dialogue with the President of Sri Lanka is very much appreciated. He has instructed me to request you to nominate accredited representatives to discuss necessary arrangements to facilitate the dialogue anywhere in Sri Lanka."

The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, the dominant separatist group fighting for a separate Tamil state, yesterday agreed to talks with Premadasa.

The Tigers in a statement to the President that was telecast to news agencies in Colombo yes-

terday said: "We wish to inform you that we are prepared to accept your open invitation to talk to us. We hope that you will make the necessary arrangements to facilitate a dialogue."

A Tiger leader in Colombo

early today said he met Premadasa at Anuradhapura, 165 kilometres (103 miles) north of Colombo, and personally conveyed the Tiger message.

The leader, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the President was very receptive and was keen to start the dialogue as soon as possible.

The efforts for talks between the government and the Tigers came amid continued violence which left at least 79 people dead since Thursday.

A car bomb explosion Thursday killed 43 people in eastern Trincomalee, 21 Sinhalese soldiers were killed yesterday in an ambush in north-central Well Oya, 12 Tamils were killed in another car bomb explosion in northern Jaffna and a Sinhalese soldier was killed yesterday in the south.

The Tigers today claimed responsibility for the ambush of the 21 Sinhalese soldiers and the car bomb explosion in Jaffna, but

denied involvement in other attacks.

Tamils, mostly Hindus and comprising 18 per cent of the island's 16 million people, accuse the majority Sinhalese Buddhists of discrimination.

Neighboring India brokered a peace accord in July 1987 aimed at ending the ethnic conflict, which has claimed more than 8,500 lives. But most hardline Tamil guerrillas rejected the peace pact, claiming it does not meet the aspiration of a Tamil homeland.

India has sent more than 40,000 troops to Sri Lanka to enforce the peace accord.

Sinhalese extremists, accusing the government of giving too many concessions to the Tamils in the peace accord, started assassinating Sinhalese officials and demanding the withdrawal of the Indian troops.

Meanwhile, the presidential secretariat said in a communiqué today that some 7,000 Indian security forces will use Colombo harbour to leave for India as soon as possible.

Since early this year about 7,000 soldiers have left the island on a request by Premadasa.

## Dutch accuse Soviets of stepping up spying

THE HAGUE, April 16, (AP): Dutch Interior Minister Cees van Dijk has accused the Soviet Union of stepping up espionage efforts in the NATO nation, where Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev enjoys vast popularity, a Dutch newspaper reported yesterday.

Soviet spies "are especially targeting the young generation of diplomats, people in the student movement and entrepreneurs in high-technology industries," van Dijk said in an interview with the Rotterdam newspaper Algemeen Dagblad.

"The espionage activities of the Soviet Union have demon-

strably increased," van Dijk, whose ministry runs the domestic Security Service, the Netherlands' main counter-espionage agency.

Last week, the government confirmed it had expelled a Soviet shipping agent, identified as G.S. Karpechenkov, for trying to bribe Dutch officials into disclosing classified information.

Although he was officially stationed in Amsterdam, the Soviet official had been working mostly in Rotterdam, the world's largest port and major shipping equipment.

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## INTERNATIONAL

# Austria reels at the tale of hospital killings, but life goes on

VIENNA, April 16, (AP): In the wards and corridors of Lainz Hospital, the routine business of medicine goes on unchanged. Beds are made, patients fed, injections given.

But the hospital — and all of Austria — has been shaken by the course medicine took in Pavilion Five. Four nurses' aides from that unit have confessed to killing at least 49 helpless, elderly patients with overdoses of

medicine or by holding their tongues and pouring water into their lungs.

"I wasn't surprised, I wasn't horrified, I just couldn't imagine how it happened," said Hildegard Fach, head of the National Union for Nurses and Nurses' Aides.

"It's incomprehensible," she said in an interview. "Everywhere I go, colleagues are saying,

'can you imagine?'

Since news of the killings broke last weekend, Dr Franz Pesendorfer, who ran the first medical department and was responsible for overseeing the nurses' aides, has been suspended.

At first, the reports of what happened in Pavilion Five seemed too fantastic even for tabloid newspapers whose standard fare is lurid tales of sex and crime.

Leaks to the news media revealed such graphic detail about the killings that Vienna police chief Guenter Boegi reluctantly con-

firmed the stories at a news conference last Sunday.

As the shock sank in, citizens grew angry and distrustful of Vienna's health service.

Fach said she hoped the killings at Lainz will prod public officials to allocate more money so hospitals can hire enough qualified nurses.

"People in Austria... will have to realise that health costs money, and that you can't scrimp

here," she said.

Fach and other medical officials have said repeatedly that because of a shortage of nurses Vienna hospitals often violate regulations barring nurses' aides from giving patients drug injections.

In Austria,

doctors have the

main responsibility for giving patients injections, and are supposed to delegate the chore to registered nurses only in dire

emergencies.

Waltraud Wagner, the plump, 30-year-old nurses' aide, blamed by investigators for most of the Lainz killings, reportedly "put to rest" many of her elderly patients with injections of insulin, tranquilizers or other medicine, authorities have said.

The Vatican newspaper

expressed outrage yesterday at the killings but said all of society

shared the blame.

## Scientists differ on cold fusion experiment

BOSTON, April 16, (AP): Two rival theories explaining startling recent experiments in nuclear fusion have emerged from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology — one that says the experiments may lead nowhere, and another that offers some hope for limitless supplies of energy.

MIT Professor Keith Johnson speculates that the experiments depend primarily on a chemical reaction, rather than a nuclear one, offering little hope for a clean new source of electrical power.

His colleague Peter Hagelstein, working independently, postulates that fusion is taking place and results from the unusual properties of the precious metal palladium and from sub-atomic behaviour known as "quantum tunnelling." If so, it is at least theoretically possible the process could be harnessed for electric power.

Chemists at the University of Utah caused a sensation last month when they said they had found a way to merge, or fuse, the nuclei of hydrogen atoms at room temperature.

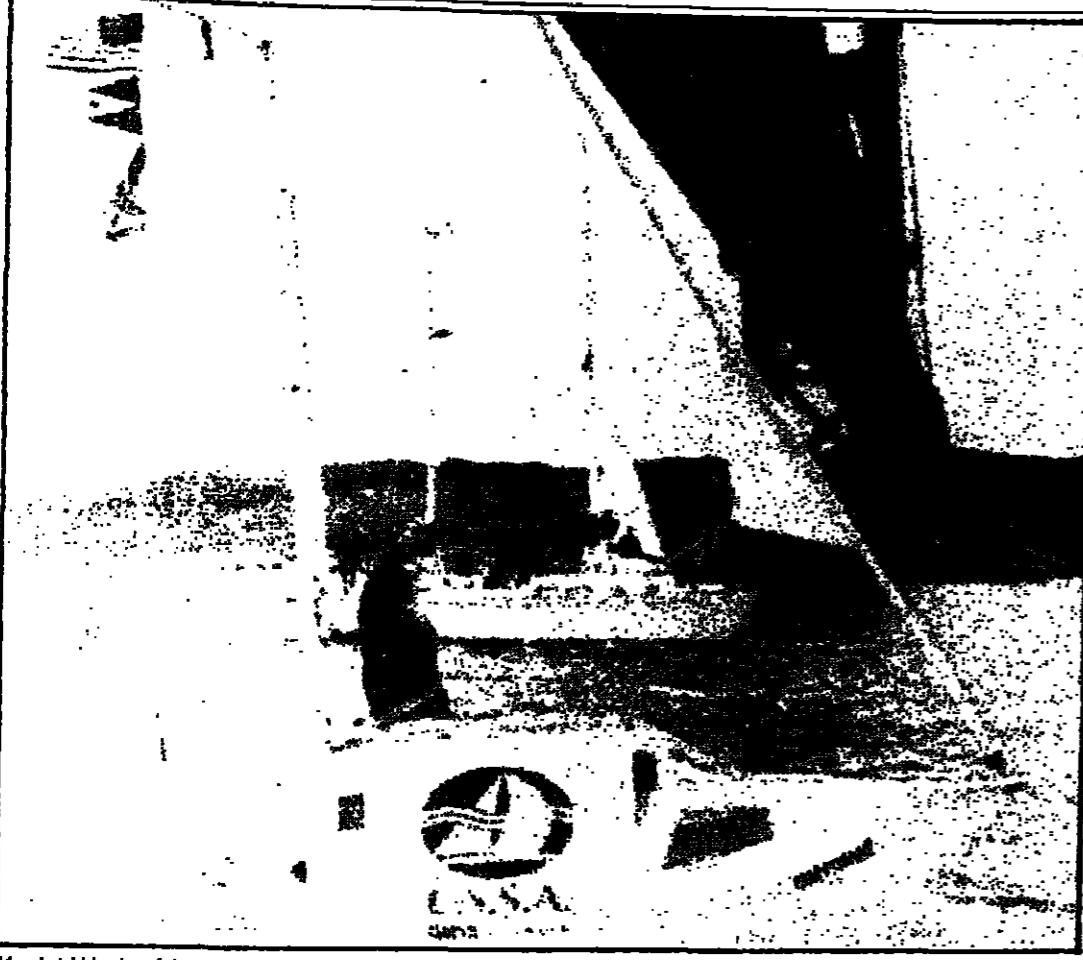
They said they had produced nuclear fusion in heavy water, which contains the hydrogen isotope deuterium, in a process that generated four times more power than it used.

Nuclear fusion, which fuels the sun and the stars, is regarded by scientists as having enormous potential as a clean, efficient energy source. Unlike nuclear fusion, which splits atoms, fusion leaves little radioactive waste.

In the view of Johnson, a 52-year-old materials science professor, the conditions used in the Utah experiment permit atoms of hydrogen and deuterium to be tightly bound together in the crystal lattice structure of the palladium.

The hydrogen and deuterium atoms form chemical bonds and begin vibrating at very high frequencies producing heat.

"Some of the nuclei occasionally get close enough together that they actually fuse, but the large bulk of the heat that is produced is not associated with the fusion," he said Friday.



Kenichi Horie of Japan waves as he sails under the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco Bay on Saturday as he starts out on a 6,500-mile voyage solo across the Pacific in his nine-foot fibreglass boat. (Reuters photo)

## Embarking on return voyage 27 years after

BELVEDERE, California, April 16, (UPI): The first Japanese sailor to cross the Pacific Ocean alone embarked on his return voyage yesterday, nearly 27 years after his pioneering solo trip.

Kenichi Horie sailed out of the San Francisco Yacht Club in Belvedere at 10 am and was to arrive back home in Japan in less than four months.

Horie hoped to make the 6,700-mile (10,780-km) trip in 100 days in a high-tech craft slightly larger than a bathtub. The "Mermaid" is only nine feet, two inches (2.8 m) long and has a beam of 6 feet (1.8 m). It has a single sail.

He planned to ride on trade winds to the north of Hawaii, then up the Kyushu current to his homeland. His boat has a top speed of 4.5 knots, and he hoped to average about 2.5 knots — making it a very slow boat.

### Roll

It is stable, however. It's unusual design — nearly as wide as it is long — enabling it to roll in heavy seas up to 40 degrees without tipping over.

"She sails just as fast sideways as she does ahead," said yachtsman Joe Knowles at the Yacht Club, where Horie has been readying for his trip for nearly a month.

Horie was confident his boat would not capsize.

"We are Buddhists," Horie said. "We believe in God. We also believe in Hewlett-Packard," he joked, noting that the boat was designed with the help of an HP computer in Tokyo.

Horie, 50, said he is challenging the Pacific again for the same reason he made the first solo sail from Japan in 1962.

## Blue blood in red country

MOSCOW, April 16, (AP): Prince Edward of Britain arrived yesterday for a three-day visit connected with the staging of a play by a British theatre troupe in the Soviet capital.

The 25-year-old prince will attend a presentation of T.S. Eliot's "Murder in the Cathedral" today. The play is being staged by Britain's National Youth Theatre, of which Edward is a patron.

The prince also works as a theatre production assistant with composer Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful theatre company.

Edward, the youngest child of Queen Elizabeth II, arrived in Moscow on a special aircraft of the Queen's flight, and was greeted at Sheremetevsky airport by Soviet and British dignitaries. He attended the ballet "giselle" at the Bolshoi last night.

### Need for daily dose of sex

## Jackie offered to divorce JFK

NEW YORK, April 16, (UPI): A new book on Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis by noted biographer C. David Heymann said the former first lady offered to divorce President John F. Kennedy so Marilyn Monroe could marry him — but only if Marilyn would move into the White House.

Whether or not her affairs were more than fantasies is not specified, although the installment mentions gossip that she was involved with one of her secret service agents and quotes a Palm Beach, Fla., limousine service driver as saying he picked her up one night with a man "looking very sweet, holding hands, misty eyed."

Monroe, involved with the President and accustomed to telephoning him at the White House, told Lawford one day she had phoned "Jackie."

"According to Marilyn, Jackie wasn't shaken by the call," Lawford told Heymann. "Not outwardly. She agreed to step aside. She would divorce Jack and Marilyn could marry him, but she would have to move into the White House. If Marilyn wasn't prepared to live open in the White House, she might as well forget about it."

"Actually Jackie was infuriated by the call, and for some reason blamed Frank Sinatra for it... Sinatra was no longer welcome at the White House, or in any of the other Kennedy bastions."

The book also lays to rest an old rumour that Mrs Kennedy accepted \$1 million from her father-in-law, Joseph P. Kennedy, to stay married to Jack. Lawford is quoted as saying, "there was a meeting, but there was no such offer. In fact, when Jackie saw the story, she telephoned Joe and said, 'why only one million dollars, why not 10 million?'"

### Critical report

## Pan Am's security misguided

LONDON, April 16, (AP): Pan Am has refused to disclose to US investigators details of a critical review of its own security carried out by hired consultants two years ago, the observer newspaper reported today.

The weekly said it had obtained sections of the report by the Israeli security consultants KPI, which it said criticised what it called Pan Am's "misguided security concept" and warned the airline was "highly vulnerable to most forms of terrorism."

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The newspaper said KPI, commissioned in 1987 at a cost of \$460,000, recommended security improvements on Pan Am aircraft.

## Exxon clean-up plan 'encouraging'

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 16, (AP): The commander of the US Coast Guard said yesterday he was encouraged by Exxon's plan to clean up the vast stretches of Alaskan shoreline that were contaminated by oil after one of the company's tankers ran aground.

Meanwhile, the spill spread in several directions, forcing the closure of a herring fishery and raising fears that bears would be poisoned by oil-tainted animal carcasses in Katmai National Park.

Despite the grim reports, Coast Guard Adm. Paul Yost emerged from a meeting with Exxon officials saying he was optimistic about the firm's long-awaited plan, which he had demanded be submitted

by yesterday.

"It appears to be a piece of work that's well thought-out, scientifically and operationally, and I'm very encouraged," said Yost, who has predicted the cleanup would extend through the summer.

He said he would not approve the 20-page plan until he had examined it over the weekend, and though it likely would take two or three weeks to fully implement it.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation commissioner Dennis Kelso, who had criticised Exxon harshly for failing to produce the plan earlier, also attended the meeting. He said he would brief Gov. Steve Cowper this weekend.

### People and places

#### Rock's big sex symbol

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, April 16, (AP): Rock guitarist Charlie Sexton says he is surprised fans and writers see him as a sex symbol.

At age 20, Sexton has a hit video with the single "Don't look back" and has played for such luminaries as the clash, Keith Richards, Ron Wood, Don Henley and Bob Dylan.

Various publications have referred to Sexton, with his black pompadour, pallid complexion and pouty lips, as rock's next big sex symbol.

"I really don't pay much attention to all that. I was a bit surprised by it all. I always thought I looked ordinary to tell you the truth," the plain-spoken Texan said in an interview published by the Nashville Tennessean.

#### Why me, lord?

STOCKHOLM, April 16, (AP): Sammy Davis Jr. signed copies of his newly published autobiography and declared he is in his prime.

"I sing better now than I have ever done before," Davis told reporters on Monday. The 63-year-old entertainer said time has made him "more content within myself."

A Swedish-language version of Davis' book was released to coincide with the stop of "the ultimate event" tour by Davis, Frank Sinatra and Liza Minnelli. The book, "Why Me?" will be published in the United States in May.

"When something terrible happens, you ask yourself 'why me, lord?' Why me? Why not pick on somebody else? That's the way I feel 25 years ago. The last 20 years or so, I find myself with all the positive things happening, so I ask myself — 'Why me?'"

"At this point, we have no reason to believe there are any more," US customs agent Oran Neck said.

With that development, the primary law enforcement effort turned to the two-country manhunt for 13 suspects, including the cult's El Padrino, or "godfather," Adolfo de Jesus Costanzo, 26, of Brownsville, Texas, and Sara Aldrete, 24, possibly Costanzo's lover who was identified in confessions by some of the suspects as the main recruiter of new members for the cult.

Mexican authorities told US officials yesterday they searched a Mexico city apartment belonging to Costanzo and found an altar similar, to ones found in a wood shack at the Santa Elena ranch and in Aldrete's Matamoros home, Neck said.

Votive candles, blood and children's clothing were found near the altars at both suspect's homes, Neck said. Authorities said they had no reason to believe any children other than a 14-year-old youth whose body was recovered were harmed.

A Catholic memorial service

was held in Hitchcock, Texas, yesterday for one of the victims, Mark Kilroy, a University of Texas pre-med student who disappeared during spring break.

US and Mexican authorities

have issued arrest warrants for

Costanzo and Aldrete and 11

other people suspected of

participating in the sacrifices, the smudging ring or both.

US authorities said another

four people, who were not

immediately identified, likely

would be named in arrest

warrants early next week.

Neck has said the investiga-

tion might eventually uncover

two or three dozen members of

the drug ring, but he said he

remains convinced only a dozen

were involved in the slayings.

He also said he remains con-

vinced authorities soon will find

ringleaders Costanzo and

Aldrete.

"I have never seen such mas-

sive publicity on anything. I've

gotten calls from all over the

world," Neck said. "Everybody

knows what they look like. It's

pretty hard to hide in this world. It's a hell of a mankind."

The four suspects, arrested

today at the ranch during a drug

bust by Mexican federal police

that led to the uncovering of the

grisly sacrifices and cult rituals,

originally said 14 people had

been killed. Subsequent

interviews, however, indicated

13 would be the final number.

The cult gang has maintained a

high-security safe house,

drove luxury cars and planted a garden

to spruce up the neighbourhood,

police and neighbours said.

"I have never seen such mas-

# Councils link joint interests of Arabs

GCC opinion is now respected

Following is the full text of an interview with Sheikh Hamad Bin Isa Al Khalifa the Heir Apparent and Minister of Defence of the State of Bahrain.

**By Ahmed Al Jarallah**

YOUR Highness, what is your opinion towards the new Arab Co-operation Council and the Maghreb Union?

Initially, there were some fears from the Arab people that the establishment of such a council was intended as a form of alliance. Similar fears were expressed when the GCC was formed. There is no basis for such fears, as the so-called roles no longer exist after the downfall of the former Shah of Iran. This is borne out by the fact that a super-power searched for someone to play the role of the Shah — but there were no takers. This was further substantiated when the superpowers during the Iran-Iraq war played their role by themselves through the presence of their naval forces in the Gulf waters to directly defend their interests.

Obviously, no one is ready or willing to become a watchman for the interests of others. Thus, the Arab councils are in essence a gathering of interests which link them together.

We, at the official level at the GCC, look to such Arab councils from the standpoint that these are positive steps all leading to linking the joint interests of the Arabs.

The Arab League could have played a vital role in this respect, but for the many obstacles if met with which led to the formation of various Arab councils.

We view such councils as alliances gathering Arab interests in the realm of language unity and not as representing international interests. Thus, instead of similar Arab interests being distributed to 21 countries, they are contained in only three alliances.

Your Highness, what is the position of the GCC from the ACC and the Maghreb Union?

The new Arab councils stem from the concept of the GCC. Thus the GCC has been seen as an example of others to follow. This will benefit the Arab cause. We have been calling for the unification of Arab interests and the creation of integration.

With the presence of the Arab councils, do you think that the GCC now requires to be developed and to be more dynamic?

Precisely, I was thinking on similar lines. Co-operation

among Arab Gulf states requires to be more dynamic. HH the Amir of Kuwait proposed the idea of forming a parliament or a legislative council for the GCC at the GCC summit in Bahrain. If this idea is put into practice, it will give us the required dynamic movement, particularly when the two Arab councils began from where the GCC started.

Among the GCC capabilities is their high level of international acceptance and exposure. The six GCC member states have presented themselves as one negotiating body.

Our opinion is now respected and has a good value in the international arena. The countries of the other Arab councils similarly enjoy good features like huge populations and other positive factors.

How do you evaluate the visit of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to both Baghdad and Cairo and how do you explain the agreements signed between Saudi Arabia and Iraq?

The timing of the visit of King Fahd to both Baghdad and Cairo specially after the announcement of the formation of the ACC, is excellent.

Your HH let us talk about the comprehensive features of the forthcoming economic stage in Bahrain.

The economic situation in Bahrain is improving and has surmounted the stage of economic retreat. We had recently debated in the cabinet the possibility of reactivating the national private sector and de-nationalising of some governmental installations gradually.

Currently we are talking seriously about reactivating the industrial sector by creating new industries.

In Bahrain are pleased about the industrial progress achieved in Saudi Arabia and see the Saudi experiment as an important one which provides the GCC markets as well as other foreign markets in Europe, Africa and may be in South-Eastern Asia with its products. We hope that if the private sector is encouraged, it will be able to create new industries, particularly if the government has an integrated scheme for co-ordination among current industries.

Bahrain has also to implement the touristic sector, as Bahrain is historically distinguished by its

distinct location in the Gulf and in view of the security and stability which prevails in the region.

Who will play that role, governments, individuals or companies, in other words the public or private sector?

Following full development of the GCC basic structure, the current improvement of oil revenues and stability in the area, the role of the government is to draw up legislations, further consolidate the factors responsible for stability of the security situation in the area, and establish more successful relations with world countries.

At the economic level, the private sector must assume its full national responsibilities, and never rely on the prospects of international markets.

Investment opportunity in the area is ample, and the governments must let the private sector operate freely, while providing more chance, incentives and further promote stability in the area.

When the Iraq-Iran war was still ablaze, it was futile to get people to feel confident about any investment enterprise, as a common feeling of apprehension existed.

However, now that the war has stopped, the situation is different. The private sector in the GCC has huge amounts of money, of which some is currently invested in the Western markets and other elsewhere.

It is now the time for this money to be repatriated. This is because the opportunity is now available in the area, and all we have to do is develop our countries into being able to successfully manage agriculture and touristic investment.

Do you believe that GCC states will find themselves in a position of competing with the Arab Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb Union?

If this happens it will be good. This may make us more active beside having a quick performance in linking ties and interests of our people and hasten the achievement of legislations and plans that serve our countries because if we do not carry them out others will.

How do you see the Arab Maghreb Union from a distance?

In a meeting with HH Al Hasan, the Moroccan king, said that West European countries are like a lever to America. This reflects the fact that a big country like America is concerned with this complex European power and seeks further economical and ideological linkage with it.

In my opinion, the Arab Maghreb Union has a greater role with regard to the north Arabian part of Africa. King Hassan was capable of giving a good reflection of the Arabian concern on the western part of the Arabian world. With the development of communication facilities introduced in the Arab world Western countries became closer than before. The future will reveal that the GCC has strong tie with the Arab Maghreb Union or the Arab Co-operation Council. Big industrial countries will find themselves unable to establish some traditional industries due to the rise in labour wages, at that same time, these markets at the Arab Maghreb Union and Arab Co-operation Council will be able to do so.

Perhaps, there is some wisdom behind it as it has come about after forming a council comprising four important countries whose population is 80 million. They do not represent international roles but reflect Arab national spirit.

The agreements signed between Iraq and Saudi Arabia come as a direct translation of the national declaration President Saddam Hussein made in 1980 which called for solving all outstanding issues among Arab countries through diplomatic means, specially related to border issues.

I find this policy very successful in reaching results and dealing with pending issues. Not necessarily Bahraini issues, but issues of a wider nature seeking to optimise inter-GCC performance.

There are those who believe that the flames of the Iraq-Iran war have not quite died, since no peace agreement has been reached?

The war has ended. The general sentiments prevailing in the area tell you that no one ever wants war anymore, including those with border disputes between them.

The Iraq-Iran war has ended, and this is an indisputable fact. It has been established that the interests of both warring parties lay in the stoppage of the conflict. However, time will help heal wounds, and relations between both countries would eventually improve.

Personally, I don't think Iraq would start the war again as it nurses no aspirations or designs for gains. Similarly, Iran is not likely to war against Iraq again, having lost the battle. The only real war that remains to be fought is that of development, patching up differences and



Sheikh Hamad Al Khalifa

## Ports regaining former international importance

Transit trade shows marked increase

WITH the local shipping industry on the rebound since the Gulf ceasefire, Kuwait's ports are on their way to regaining their former international importance, an official said.

In an interview with a local daily, Minister of State for Services Affairs Issa Al Mazidi was quoted as saying that the country's ports had recently set new records in loading, unloading, and re-export operations.

Statistics showed that as of February the

average number of incoming ships at Doha port had increased by 289 per cent compared to the previous year, with outgoing ships at an increase of an estimated 229 per cent for the same period. Loading and unloading of goods, meanwhile, increased 317 per cent.

Position

Mazidi said that if movement continues at the same level, Doha port will regain the position it enjoyed prior to the start of the Iraq-Iran war.

Over the same period, while loading and unloading at Shuaibah port increased by 17 per cent, transit trade went up by 4,284 per cent. Mazidi said, adding that most of these goods were bound for Iraq or Iran.

Loading and unloading at Shuaibah port increased by 42 per cent from February 1988 to February 1989, the official said.

The issue of whether or not to establish a free zone in Kuwait is still under study. Mazidi said.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### KHC operations

THE chairman of the board of the Kuwait Hotels Company (KHC) Ali Ahmad Al Ghani has said that the company is operating four major hotels in the country which are Kuwait International Hotel, Meesha Beach, Khiran Resort and Kuwait Airport Hotel.

He told a local daily KHC is also managing services at Bayan Palace and is offering catering services to various government establishments, including recreational and entertainment facilities.

He said KHC is currently soliciting contracts for managing more hotels in and outside the country and that it is ready to manage and operate hotels in Iraq.

He ruled out any intention on the KHC's part to construct a hotel in Kuwait, stressing that the KHC's primary responsibility is managing hotels and providing catering services.

### Health meeting

THE Public Health Under-secretary Dr Nael Al Naqib headed a meeting for directors of health areas. The meeting was attended by the Assistant Under-secretary for Technical Affairs Dr Tareq Al Abdul Jader and Director of Sabah Centre for Medical Specialisations Dr Mahmoud Al Bader. The meeting discussed needs of the health areas for manpower and evaluation of staff of health areas.

The participants decided to allow every health area to study its needs for physicians, dentists, pharmacists and nurses separately.

### Ramadan sale

A MEETING was held at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, attended by officials of the ministry and merchants and agents of electrical and electronic appliances, to reach an agreement on the maximum limit of discount that will be allowed during the sales season next month. The ministry determined the discount at 20 per cent.

A big number of merchants refused to participate in the sales this year because of strict conditions applied by the ministry. They claimed that many of them will suffer losses if they followed these conditions. Only 18 commercial companies agreed to participate in the sale by May which is considered very small compared to 90 companies in previous sales. The merchants demanded that the ministry should allow a certain percentage of profit on sold items after revising their prices against the cost price instead of the present procedure.

### Fasting advice

FASTING provides the body with the opportunity to rid itself of food residuals, according to an official at the Ministry of Public Health.

Interviewed by a local daily, Dr Fawzia Al Awadi, director of the nutrition and catering department said that educating oneself on will power during the hours of fasting will contribute to the creation of a new diet system.

She urged people to avail of this opportunity to improve their eating habits. "Will power is the secret to preserving health," she said.

## Legal CLINIC

COULD you clarify what exactly is meant by "residing continuously" in Article No. 17 of the new Labour Law. I have been working in Kuwait since 1975. In 1980 I spent two months out of the country while my new visa and employment arrangements were under way. Have I been "residing continuously" in Kuwait since 1975 or 1980?

Asif Kumar  
Kuwait

THE continuous stay in the country is calculated from the date of your first residence permit stamp. Article 17 of the new Labour Law says that the Ministry of Labour may allow those who have been residing continuously in Kuwait for 10 years to change a sponsor before a stipulated period of three years. But the ministry reserves the right to accept or reject the application for an early transfer of residence. Applicants with a clean record stand a better chance.

MY brother's employer recently cut his salary by 50 per cent after having paid him an agreed monthly amount since the beginning of his employment in early 1988.

The employer is also threatening my brother with deportation. Are such actions legally justified and what legal protection is my brother entitled to?

F.S.  
Safat  
Kuwait

EMPLOYERS are precluded by law from cutting an employee's pay after they had paid him an agreed salary for more than a month. Your brother is entitled to file a case against his employer and will win the case provided he can document his claim.

Deportation threats you mention are probably meant only to pressure your brother into accepting a reduced salary. The employer can fire your brother but he will have to settle all his contractual obligations. Your brother can seek a transfer of residence through a court case.

If you have a legal problem, labour or any other kind, send your questions to the Arab Times Legal Clinic. Our attorney will answer your questions free of charge. Write to Legal Clinic, Arab Times, PO Box 2278, 13023 Safat, Kuwait or fax your questions to us on Fax No. 4847495. For further details call 4813566 ext 285.



Amiri medals for officers

Director of the Airport Security Department, Lieut Col. Faisal Al Yassin decorated 43 officers from the department with medals granted by HH the Amir. Picture shows Yassin with some of the honoured officers.

## Department of customs gears up for travel time

THE customs department at Kuwait International Airport may use inspectors from other customs posts to assist during peak hours over the summer travel season, according to Abdul Razzak Al Fahd, assistant director of the air customs department.

Fahd explained that the department's main objective is to prevent the entry into Kuwait of any dangerous contraband, such as arms, explosives, and narcotics.

The department encountered 224 attempts to smuggle narcotics from 1987-88, representing one incident every three years, he said. The largest amount ever confiscated at the airport was five kilos of hashish and one kilo of heroin, he added.

### Implementation

Kuwait does not permit bringing two bottles of liquor into the country, Fahd said, adding that number of smuggling cases has dropped substantially because this law is implemented in full.

With regard to the use of sonar

by the private hospitals, Dr Mutawa said that this had been discussed with the minister and agreement in principle was arrived at that this topic should be discussed by the relevant committee. The delegation also discussed with the minister the shortage in medicines at the private hospitals, as these medicines were not registered in Kuwait and private companies are not allowed to import them.

The minister agreed to discuss this issue to determine remedial solutions.

Speaking of the ministerial decision banning non-Kuwaiti doctors over 65 years old to work in private clinics and hospitals, Dr Mutawa said that the minister of public health had expressed an understanding towards the problem and had promised an early solution.

He disclosed that the ministry will introduce a new system aimed at upgrading efficiency of the medical profession in the government and the private sector.

With regard to the use of sonar

## BA summer schedule reflects continued regional commitment

BRITISH Airways' recently introduced summer schedule reflects the airline's ongoing support to the region with 120 arrivals and departures each week serving 15 destinations in the Middle East and Indian Ocean.

"With a newly relaunched First Class, a superb business product, an award-winning economy cabin and onward connections to five continents and outstanding service whether they are travelling for business or pleasure," says Nigel Page, British Airways Middle East regional sales manager.

Highlights of the summer schedule are as follows:

BAHRAIN continues to have a daily, non-stop early morning service to London Heathrow, while popular eastbound destinations include the Seychelles, Mauritius, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Perth, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Auckland.

THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES benefits from high frequency both eastbound and westbound. Eight flights a week operate to London Heathrow from Abu Dhabi and six flights weekly to London Gatwick from Dubai. Hong Kong, Singapore, the Philippines, India, Australia and the Indian Ocean islands of the Seychelles and Mauritius are all accessible from the UAE by British Airways, providing a variety of holiday destinations in their own right or combined as part of a circle trip or round-the-world tour.

MUSCAT'S summer schedule is little changed from the winter with six flights a week; four via Dhahran to London Gatwick and two via Riyadh to London Heathrow.

DOHA has doubled its frequency with two flights a week to London Heathrow via Jeddah. These aircraft now terminate in Doha ensuring passengers a clean, freshly serviced aircraft.

KUWAIT maintains a daily non-stop service to London with a mixture of day and night services. These flights arrive at Heathrow Terminal 4 enabling easy through connections to be made to the USA and Europe. Eastbound destinations from Kuwait include Delhi, Madras and Karachi.

Services to SAUDI ARABIA have changed slightly. Jeddah's frequency has been reduced to three a week, however, as these now fly into Heathrow airport in the early morning, good onward connections can be made. Riyadh continues to be served with two flights a week, and these have also been switched to Heathrow to meet passenger demand. Four flights a week continue to serve Dhahran and these have remained at London Gatwick for the convenience of connections to Dallas, Houston and Atlanta.

Elsewhere in the region operations to Khartoum, Cairo, Amman and Baghdad have moved to London Gatwick as part of British Airways' previously announced plans to maximise usage of Gatwick's new facilities and relieve some of the pressures at Heathrow.

Thanks

His Excellency, M. Jean Bellivier, Ambassador of France, wishes to convey his very grateful thanks to the Head of the Coronary Care Unit of the Al-Mubarak Hospital and the doctors, nurses and maintenance staff.

Please

## Yarmouk rally Jibril vows to carry on attacks

DAMASCUS, April 16, (Reuters): Bullets, not words, spell power for a radical Palestinian group which sees Israel as its number one enemy and the peace policies of PLO leader Yasser Arafat as a sellout.

Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), marked the 24th anniversary of its founding group by vowing to carry on the armed struggle against Israel.

Addressing a rally at Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp near Damascus on Friday, Jibril lashed out at both Arafat and the United States.

He said Arafat, recently named President of the self-proclaimed state of Palestine, had abandoned Palestinian rights to follow false US promises.

"We will continue the armed struggle and fight everywhere ... America will not intimidate us although America is terrorism itself ..." he said.

### Bombing

Western news reports, unconfirmed, blamed Jibril's group for the bombing of a Pan-Am jet over the Scottish town of Lockerbie last December in which 270 people were killed.

Investigators have said there is no evidence to link the group to the bombing and the PFLP-GC denies involvement.

But it has said it is ready to carry out the orders of Iranian spiritual leader Ayatollah Khomeini to kill British author Salman Rushdie, accused of blasphemy in his novel "The Satanic Verses."

Among its military operations, the PFLP-GC is probably best known for a 1987 hang-glider raid into Israel by a guerrilla who attacked an Israeli military base.

Jibril is contemptuous of Arafat's conciliatory stance towards Israel and of the resumed dialogue between the PLO and the United States.

He told the rally that Washington could not be a mediator in the Arab-Israeli conflict because it was a strategic ally of Israel.

"The US administration, which is providing the Israeli enemy with all sorts of aid, could never be a mediator. The US is not only biased towards Israel, it is a strategic partner of the Zionist state," he said.

The PFLP-GC, which belongs to the anti-Arafat Palestinian National Salvation Front, boycotted meetings of the Palestine National Council in Amman and Algiers and lost its executive committee seat in the PLO.

Syria is one of the Jibril's keenest backers and, speaking at the rally, a representative of the ruling Syrian Arab Baath Party conveyed the greetings of President Hafez Al Assad to the PFLP-GC "which is a leading struggler ... for revolution and liberation."

The representative, Fayed Al Naser, said: "After over 25 years the Palestinian revolution is still continuing." Some have collapsed and abandoned the weapon which gave them legitimacy to run after dreams of peace and false promises."

The PFLP-GC was formed in 1968 after it split from the better-known Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine led by George Habash.

The PFLP itself was founded on April 14, 1965, by Jibril's group of Palestinian officers serving in the Syrian Army and Habash's Arab nationalist movement.

But Jibril accused its leaders of placing the emphasis on politics rather than military action.

Jibril's group joined the PLO in 1974 but he quickly fell out with the Fatah group led by Arafat.

The PFLP-GC supported Syrian attempts to oust Arafat from the leadership of the PLO and in 1982 turned its weapons on pro-Arafat fighters in refugee camps in north Lebanon.

Since December when Arafat recognised Israel's right to exist and renounced terrorism, PFLP-GC guerrillas have made several unsuccessful attempts to infiltrate into Israel from south Lebanon.

Key to these incursions, according to political analysts, is a desire by the radicals to discredit Arafat and spoil his links with the United States.

### Iraqi weapons

BAGHDAD, April 16, (AP): Iraq will display locally manufactured weaponry for the first time when it hosts an international arms exhibition later this month, the head of its armaments industry said yesterday.



Uniformed and hooded members of the Palestine Popular Army paste up posters of Abu Jihad and Yasser Arafat in West Bank prior to holding a one-year memorial marking the assassination of Abu Jihad, the military chief of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). (Reuter wirephoto)

'No polls under Israeli occupation'

## Arafat in Amman talks

AMMAN, April 16, (Reuters): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat held talks on Middle East peace with Jordan's King Hussein early today during a lightning visit to Amman.

The official news agency Petra said the talks were aimed at co-ordinating positions ahead of the King's visit to Washington, where he is due to meet President Bush on Wednesday.

Arafat arrived at Amman airport late yesterday from Cairo and stayed only a few hours in Jordan before the King saw him off to an undisclosed destination.

Petra said the King and Arafat held private talks before being joined by senior Jordanian government ministers and officials of the PLO.

King Hussein was due to leave for Paris later today for talks with French President Francois Mitterrand before starting a week-long visit to the United States.

Arafat's meeting with the King was the latest move in a flurry of inter-Arab diplomacy to resolve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The PLO leader, in Cairo yesterday, agreed with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that elections could not take place in the West Bank and Gaza Strip under Israeli occupation.

## Abu Ghazala's removal 'natural'

Abu Taleb gets defence



Abu Ghazala

CAIRO, April 16, (UPI): Egyptian leader Hosni Mubarak yesterday removed long-time Defence Minister, Field Marshal Abdul-Halim Abu Ghazala, from his position and named the veteran officer to the almost ceremonial post of assistant to the president.

In a move called unexpected by political analysts, Mubarak issued a presidential decree yesterday, reported by the semi-official Middle East News Agency, which named Cairo Governor Maj. Gen. Yousef Sabri Abu Taleb to replace Abu Ghazala.

As Egypt's new defence minister, Abu Taleb, 60, was promoted in rank and becomes the commander-general of the Egyptian Armed Forces.

Mubarak is the supreme commander of the armed forces.

A spokesman for the Egyptian Defence Ministry said Abu Ghazala's replacement was "only natural."

El Tohami also dismissed rumours that Abu Ghazala could have resigned because of differences within the government over military expenditure cuts imposed by the International Monetary Fund.

"It is only natural as a defence minister would not remain a defence minister for ever and the president of the republic would not remain president forever," he said.

See Mubarak flexes his muscle

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## New law for elections in Jordan approved

AMMAN, Jordan, April 16, (AP): King Hussein approved an election law yesterday, cancelling representation for the Israeli-occupied West Bank of Palestine, an official source said.

The action is a further step in the implementation of Hussein's decision last July to renounce sovereignty over the West Bank, which Jordan ruled until 1967, in favour of the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

The new law also promotes Jordan's claim to the Palestinian refugees it sheltered following the 1948 and 1967 wars with Israel, by giving them the same voting rights as other Jordanian citizens.

The source, who did not wish to be named, said the new law calls for a 72-member lower house of parliament elected only from Jordan itself.

The King has granted Palestinians in the East Bank, who hold Jordanian citizenship, the same rights and duties as other Jordanians.

About half of Jordan's 3 million people are Palestinian, although most live outside the UN-run refugee camps.

The previous electoral law gave the refugees in camps a fixed proportion of seats in parliament based on the number of camps, rather than their population.

## Several killed during Kurdish protests

NICOSIA, April 16, (Reuters): Iran's official news agency IRNA said that Iraqi forces killed several people during protests by Kurds against plans to demolish their town in northeast Iraq.

It said a Kurdish leader had appealed to United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to stop the destruction of Qala Diza and the expulsion of its 100,000 inhabitants.

"The Iraqi regime, continuing its 'scorched earth' policy, has moved in bulldozers and is forcing Qala Diza inhabitants to abandon their home town for

makeshift camps set up on the distant, arid Saudi Arabian borders," IRNA said.

The agency's dispatch was datelined from Sanandaj in the Iranian province of Kurdistan. Qala Diza is about 15 km (10 miles) from the Iranian border. IRNA did not say when the protesters were killed.

On Friday IRNA quoted sources in London as saying Iraq had told up to 400,000 Kurds they must move from areas close to the border with Iran. Kurdish guerrillas fought alongside Iran during its war with Iraq.

# Najibullah warns of regional war

Rockets hit locations in Kabul

KABUL, April 16, (Agencies):

Afghan President Najibullah told foreign diplomats yesterday that the United States and Pakistan risked provoking a regional war.

"Violations of the Geneva accords by Pakistan and the USA pose a serious threat to the political independence, territorial integrity and national sovereignty of our country as a result of which one cannot consider impossible the danger of a regional war," Najibullah said in a speech marking the first anniversary of the accords.

The agreements, under which the Soviet Union agreed to pull its troops out of Afghanistan, guaranteed non-interference in Kabul's affairs.

Najibullah accused Pakistan of planning to annex Afghanistan and giving large quantities of arms to the mujahideen fighting his pro-Soviet government.

"After the completion of the withdrawal of Soviet troops, the military intelligence of Pakistan with the direct and wide support of the armed forces of that country ... have resorted to armed and open aggression against our country and disclosed their evil designs of merging our country with Pakistan," Najibullah said.

Arms and funds for the mujahideen flow through Pakistan but it has repeatedly denied giving the rebels military help in their 10-year-old war to take power in Kabul.

The last Soviet troops pulled out on February 15, leaving the

guarantor of the UN-brokered Geneva peace accords to persuade Pakistan to observe the terms of the settlement signed April 14, 1988. The Soviet Union, which invaded in 1979 to prop up a communist government beset by internal feuds and a Muslim insurgency, is the other co-guarantor of the accords.

Najibullah, who is keen to project his government as Islamic rather than Marxist, began his speech to diplomats and Afghan political and tribal leaders with verses from the Holy Quran.

He said he had offered to share power with the rebels who have set up a rival government in Pakistan, but "they stubbornly rejected any kind of political settlement."

The mujahideen had rained 43,273 rockets and shells on various Afghan cities in the past year, killing 2,222 civilians, while Afghan troops had killed almost 36,000 rebels.

"Had the extremists responded to our ceasefire and peace proposals, there would be no bloodshed," he said.

Government spokesman Mohammad Nabi Azmani said six rebel-fired rockets struck undislosed locations in Kabul yesterday, killing two civilians, and that a similar rocket barrage on Friday killed a 2-year-old girl.

Najibullah blamed the continuing conflict in Afghanistan on Pakistan's failure to implement the Geneva peace accords, which paved the way for this year's Soviet withdrawal and pledged Afghanistan and Pakistan to non-interference in each other's affairs.

The Afghan President also criticised the United States, saying it has failed in its role as a

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Iranian authorities have embarked on a wide anti-narcotics campaign, arresting hundreds of people allegedly involved in traffic or use of drugs. Most of the arrests have been made in areas close to the border with Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The latest hangings brought the number of executions to 388 since Jan 21, when a new law took effect mandating the death sentence for anyone caught possessing even small quantities of narcotics.

Official have said about one million Iranians are believed involved in drug abuse.

### Anti-torture panel

ALGIERS, April 16, (Reuters): A national committee to combat the use of torture has been set up in Algeria, the official news agency AFP said yesterday. The local press reported numerous cases of rioters being tortured while in custody after widespread disturbances last October.

The agency said the new organisation was completely non-political and would alert the public and authorities to all cases of physical or moral violence.

### Carter for Sudan

KHARTOUM, April 16, (UPI): Former US president Jimmy Carter will visit Sudan on his proposed African tour, the Middle East News Agency has said.

During his visit, Carter would meet Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi and senior Sudanese officials to discuss a number of issues related to peace in the war-torn south of the nation and needed relief operations, the news agency said. The African nation has suffered from devastating flooding as well as ethnic strife.

Carter would also meet with non-government personalities, said the dispatch from Khartoum.

## Turks block Cypriots' unity efforts

NICOSIA, Cyprus, April 16, (AP): Turkish authorities yesterday blocked efforts by the United Nations peacekeeping force to bring ordinary Greek and Turkish Cypriots together at a spring fair on the divided Mediterranean island.

Hundreds of people, including many families with children, crossed into the UN buffer zone from the Greek Cypriot sector to enjoy the fair.

But there were no Turkish Cypriots to be seen, although the UN peacekeepers had invited members of both communities to attend.

An officer in the UN peacekeeping force said the authorities in Turkish-occupied northern Cyprus had stopped Turkish

Cypriots from crossing into the buffer zone to reach the fair-ground.

"They weren't allowed to come through," said a Canadian officer who declined to be further identified.

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Thought for today

WHEN one burns one's bridges, what a very nice fire it makes — Dylan Thomas, Welsh writer (1914-1953).

## Mubarak's muscle

Powerful defence minister removed

By William C. Mann

**CAIRO, Egypt.** (AP) President Hosni Mubarak has removed his powerful pro-American defence minister in a move diplomats see as uncharacteristically bold exertion of presidential power and self-confidence.

In a decree, the President on Saturday appointed Field Marshal Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala to the vacant post of assistant president, traditionally a largely ceremonial job. The Defence Ministry went to Maj. Gen. Yousef Sabry Abu Taleb, Cairo's governor for six years, who was promoted two echelons to full general.

The move, accompanied by the award of Egypt's second-highest decoration, officially was presented as a promotion for Abu Ghazala, but diplomats and government sources noted signs that it was the opposite.

One sign was the wording of a citation accompanying the award, which in a valedictory way recognized Abu Ghazala's "efforts and contribution to the nation."

Government sources also pointed out that Abu Taleb, not Abu Ghazala, accompanied Mubarak on a trip to Jordan last Wednesday to discuss with King Hussein his trip next week to the United States. The sources said Abu Ghazala was removed from the delegation at the last minute.

"I'm not surprised at this," a Western ambassador said on condition he not be identified. He said he has heard rumours for a long time that Mubarak was unhappy with Abu Ghazala's personal and professional ethical standards.

"I suppose the main significance is that Mubarak felt strong enough to do it. He very clearly must have had the backing of the armed forces."

Another diplomat said the move "came as a bit of a surprise ... the interesting thing is not so much why it happened as that Mubarak was strong enough to be able to move."

Abu Ghazala, 59, defence minister for eight years, had been assumed widely to be the country's second strongest person in terms of real power in Egypt. The country's political system is closer to democracy than almost any other Arab state's, but it maintains equilibrium through the use of police and military force.

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## Press review

## World silent on Lebanon

**KUWAIT, (KUNA)**: A local newspaper has commented editorially on the latest massacre committed by the Israeli occupation forces in the Palestinian village of Nahalin.

Al Watan expressed anger for the official Arab reaction toward the massacre and said "we feel pain for the all-out Arab carelessness toward what is going on in Palestine."

It also criticized the Arab popular reaction and recalled that a similar incident 30 years ago would have been followed by demonstrations all over the Arab world.

The paper noted that the Israeli forces had crossed the border with Jordan early in the 1950's and committed a massacre in Nahalin, but the latest massacre has been carried out without the need for crossing borders.

The paper said the talks about the fact that the massacre has been committed by the border police is of minor importance, but what is important is that the killings had taken place under the Israeli occupation.

## Wright case unique

## Facing ignominy

By Michael Posner

**WASHINGTON,** (Reuters) Silver-haired Texan Jim Wright, the US Speaker of the House of Representatives facing impending accusations about personal finances and possible conflicts of interest, is one step from humiliating ignominy.

None of his 47 predecessors in 200 years, all elected by members of the House along party lines, was ever voted out of Congress, officially reprimanded, or had charges brought that were so serious as to force resignation.

The 66-year-old Democratic leader vigorously told a news conference he had not knowingly done anything wrong. But a House ethics committee is expected to decide his business dealings violated house rules.

Early in this century powerful Republican speaker Joe Cannon came close to being fired over his dictatorial rule.

Even so, the Wright case is unique. Senate historian Don Ritchie told Reuters. "There's nothing to me that looks like what is going on now."

The ethics committee, officially called the House Committee on Standards of Conduct, that has investigated Wright is a relatively new creature, only 22 years old, and has recommended a reprimand or expulsion for some past members of the House.

Wright's case focuses on claims he accepted improper gifts from a businessman in his Fort Worth congressional district who had interests in legislation.

and that he promoted bulk sales to interest groups of his autobiography in order to circumvent limits on outside income.

Last year, the House was set to debate and vote on an ethics committee recommendation that New York congressman Mario Biaggi, a Democrat convicted on racketeering charges, be expelled from the House. But the congressman quit Congress first, and is now serving a prison term.

Among recent speakers, former speaker Thomas O'Neill — Wright's immediate predecessor — was investigated in the so-called "Koreagate", involving alleged bribery by a Korean rice lobbyist. O'Neill was cleared by the committee.

Other speakers — who stand only behind the vice-president in succession to the president — have had many problems.

Cannon came as close as any of the House leaders to being ousted from office, not over personal finances or other scandalous behaviour, but because he ruled with an iron hand, forcing a revolt by his own fellow Republicans.

After the House voted on what amounted to a vote of no confidence in Cannon and stripped him of power and perks, including a car, Cannon roared back.

He challenged the House to vote to oust him. The house took him up on it but the powerful speaker won, since at that point Republicans refused to go along with the minority Democrats to vote their man out of office.

## Fine-tuning US policy won't yield a breakthrough

By E.A. Wayne

**WASHINGTON:** Iran is changing. The revolution is pulling in its horns. But the time is not yet right for spectacular improvements in US-Iran relations.

That is the majority view among Iran specialists interviewed on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Iranian revolution.

The specialists generally agree that Iran's leaders are vigorously debating how to come to grips with the devastation wrought by the Gulf war and with the revolution's unfulfilled promises. A large part of that debate centres on how much Iran should open to the West, including the US.

But most of those questioned don't think that the pragmatists in Iran who favour an opening to the US have the political clout to do so without major concessions from Washington. Despite signs of moderation in Iran, a ranking US official says, fine-tuning US policy won't yield a breakthrough in relations. "The logic is on their side," he says.

Prof. Joseph Twinam, a Gulf specialist at The Citadel, says the US still carries "the kiss-of-death element" in Iran's domestic politics. This makes it especially hard for any Iranian leader to push for an opening to Washington.

Ayatollah Khomeini accepted a truce with Iraq only out of dire necessity, says James Placke, a Washington-based Gulf specialist and consultant. Since then, Khomeini has continued to balance off various factions in the leadership against each other, he says, preventing any one group from consolidating its position.

### Stagnation

This, Placke argues, has resulted in "a recipe for stagnation," leaving the major issues unresolved.

Indeed, the ranking US official argues that Khomeini "is still holding onto the idea that the revolution is about pure Islam and revenge for what the West did to Islam and Iran." The ceasefire with Iraq shows Khomeini is willing to compromise with "the forces of darkness" to save the revolution, he says, but there is nothing to show that he is ready to accept "the bitter pill" of ties with the US.

The Foreign Ministry has been given enough rope to establish relations with the West, aside from the US. But it doesn't yet even have the leeway to make deals with Western banks for badly needed resources," a well-placed US specialist says. Nor has it been able to deliver movement on British hostages through the use of police and military force.

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if the US returned part of disputed assets and money left over from orders placed by the Shah, or quickly compensated families of those killed when the US downed an Iran Air jet over the Gulf last year, it could make a big difference.

But these signals were countered by Iran's President Hojatoleslam Ali Khamenei and Parliamentary Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, who reiterated that the US would have to make major moves before improved relations are possible.

Hardliner Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami was even more negative, arguing a "wolf is still a wolf even if it wants to change its name."

US officials say they intend to compensate the families of the Iran Air victims — when Iran responds to pending US requests for information on the families.

### Claims

Washington will keep working on disputed claims over assets and intends to keep on the table its offer to begin political discussions, US officials say.

Also reportedly under consideration is an easing of export restrictions to Iran for non-military items. "This could let them choose, if they want, to develop a commercial relationship," a well-informed US official says.

"We're ready to talk and stand fully behind President Bush's remarks," a US diplomat says. "We're all impatient with sitting on our hands. But the Iranians have to be ready to move too."

Prof. Shah Bakhsh of the Woodrow Wilson International Centre for Scholars says there is room for gradual improvement of relations if the US can give Rafsanjani bits and pieces that allow him to sell the value of an opening to Washington. "After a decade of seeing the US as the main devil it would be very difficult for Iran to have high-level relations with the US," Bakhsh says. But he adds, "low-level and restrained" relations should be possible relatively quickly.

For the US, the primary obstacle to improved ties with Iran remains the nine hostages in Lebanon. "Iran could do a lot more on the US hostages," consultant James Placke says. "It's not clear they could get them all out. But they haven't done much of anything."

"However clouded things may seem in Tehran, if all the factions got together they could still make things happen for most, if not all, of the hostages," adds a senior US official with access to all US intelligence on the hostage situation. "This is especially true of Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohtashami and the Revolutionary Guards."

More troubling are reports that Iran's Revolutionary Guards played a role in the downing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Scotland last December. If those reports are confirmed, Washington would be under great pressure to retaliate.

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An Iranian woman shoulder着 a Russian-made rocket launcher during a women's meet.

## GCC states watching US-Iran relations closely

Balance of power must be maintained

By E.A. Wayne

**WASHINGTON:** The Iranian revolution and subsequent war with Iraq destroyed the security calculations of the oil-rich Gulf Arab states as much as it did Washington's strategic plans.

Today, co-operation among those states, as well as between them and the United States, has increased markedly, US specialists on the region agree.

"The US role ending the Iranian threat of expansion and subversion gives us a much sounder footing with the countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council," says Paul Jabber, vice-president for Middle East Merchant Banking at Bankers Trust Company. "Though they still try to maintain the appearance of distance, when you look closely, you see a whole new nature of US-GCC relations." The GCC includes Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, Oman and the United

Arab Emirates.

"The atmosphere is quite good right now," says Joseph Twinam, a former senior US diplomat in the Gulf and currently a professor at The Citadel. "But it will be hard to sustain."

### Peace process

He and others say that the Bush administration will have to advance the Arab-Israeli peace process to prolong the current "honeymoon" with GCC states. It also must overcome congressional opposition to arms sales to Gulf Arabs and simultaneously build bilateral ties that go beyond such sales. Washington will also need to keep a balance between ties to the Arab and Iranian sides of the Gulf as the possibilities for ties with Tehran emerge, these specialists say.

The Bush administration begins with a base line of military, political, and economic co-operation unforeseen even three years ago, say informed US officials.

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side of the Gulf" and excellent opportunities for the US to build a network to protect Western interests in the oil-rich region.

Gulf Arabs will be carefully watching how eagerly Washington pursues relations with Iran. "It's in our interest that Iran not be isolated internationally," says a top Gulf Arab diplomat in Washington. "We are normalising our relations with Tehran, and you should, too. But we hope ties with Iran can be established without arms sales. You must be very careful to maintain the balance of power in the area."

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More broadly, this senior diplomat contends that history has proved wrong those US strategies who favour giving more weight to Iran because of its proximity to the Soviet Union. "You need ties to all the power centres," he says.

Bilateral relations between the US and the Gulf Arab countries, however, also

The Christian Science Monitor.

Church given legal status after 45 years

## Polish church, state make up

By Andrew Tarnowski

don't mean that it should be copied, but it gives some impulse and example," the source said.

The two pacts with the church and the Vatican will close a postwar era of confrontation in this overwhelmingly Catholic country in which the church emerged as the most powerful centre of resistance to communist rule.

In 1953, at the height of Stalinism, authorities confiscated all church property except church buildings — including hundreds of schools and hospitals — stopped religious education for children and arrested hundreds of priests.

In 1953, the defiant Catholic primate Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński was arrested and detained for three years in a remote monastery.

Later, the church backed the Solidarity Trade Union's challenge to the communist authorities. Church-state relations plunged after Solidarity's suppression in 1981 and fell further in 1984 when secret police murdered father Jerzy Popieluszko, a pro-Solidarity priest.

But communist leader Wojciech Jaruzelski turned to the church for mediation when Poland's problems forced him into the reconciliation process that brought the pact with the opposition. Two church mediators attended the government-opposition reform talks that ended on April 5.

Just before they started the Polish Communist Party signalled that its cold war with the church was over by lifting a ban on church membership by party faithful.

Full details of the law on the church's legal status have not been revealed but the source called it "a document of goodwill." He expressed relief that after a 45-year struggle with communism the church could finally step back from the political area.

"The church assumed some tasks which by nature did not belong to it and now it's feeling quite tired with this. It's just terribly tired," the source said.

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

No change on debt

## IMF team will find inflation in Peru

LIMA, April 16. (Reuter): When International Monetary Fund officials arrive in Peru on Monday, they will begin evaluating an economy in which prices double about every six weeks.

Inflation in Peru has soared past 200 per cent this year and despite the bold predictions of President Alan Garcia's government economists say it shows no signs of letting up.

What the IMF technical delegation, the third to visit this crisis-ridden country since October, will probably not find is a change in Garcia's firm stand on foreign debt repayments.

Garcia has held fast to his 1985 pledge to limit payments on the \$19-billion debt to 10 per cent of export income, a stance that won him admirers throughout Latin America but has made Peru an outcast in the world financial community.

In March the Inter-American Development Bank, Peru's last major foreign creditor, cut off loans after it fell more than \$100 million in arrears in its repayments.

### Visit

"With this IMF visit, the government is basically trying to buy time," said economist Manoel Moreira, a former Central Reserve Bank president.

"The government will be able to change nothing but, for political reasons, give the appearance that it is re-establishing dialogue with creditors," he told Reuters.

Raging inflation is only one symptom of what economists call Peru's economic crack-up in the past year, aggravated by leftist guerrilla violence which is approaching the point of civil war in some parts of the country.

Peru's net foreign exchange reserves are deep in the red with a negative balance of \$199 million in March, official figures show.

The gross domestic product tumbled eight per cent last year and estimates for this year still range from five to 10 per cent, depending mainly on whether Garcia can get a grip on inflation.

There are a few bright spots. The all-important mining sector, responsible for about half of Peru's exports, is already making a modest recovery after production was slashed last year by two miners' strikes.

Exports, the key to any general economic recovery, appear to be rising slowly but steadily after Peru's trade surplus reached a bare \$26 million last year.

### Pessimism

But pessimism about the economy still reigns among middle class Peruvians, many of whom had to stop driving the cars they bought in better times because petrol has become so expensive, and in the dusty shantytowns that ring the capital.

Real wages have dropped over 25 per cent since the beginning of the year, wrecking local commerce and forcing businesses to look to export markets.

The basis of official economic policy is still a tough austerity package announced in September. The package has received mixed reviews from economists who credit it with easing food shortages by cutting subsidies, though at enormous social cost.

But millions of Peruvian consumers blame their plight on the package, saying it was just the sort of austerity plan the IMF would have ordered but without the accompanying IMF loans due to the government's debt stand.

## Jordan raises prices

AMMAN, April 16. (Reuter): The Jordanian government raised prices of petrol, alcohol, cigarettes and several other goods and services today as an IMF-agreed economic reform programme began to bite.

A cabinet minister, who asked not to be named, told Reuters the increases were expected to earn the treasury an extra 39 million dinars (\$72 million) this year.

He said the price rises of 15 to 50 per cent covered cooking gas, petrol, jet fuel, fuel oil, kerosene, detergents, soft and alcoholic drinks, cigarettes, steel reinforcing bars, barley, oats, asphalt, car licence fees, telephone calls and irrigation water.

The government also imposed a 10 per cent tax on production of phosphates and potash, Jordan's main mineral exports. One Western diplomat estimated this would raise eight to 10 million dinars (\$15 to 18 million) a year.

The minister said the cabinet approved the measures during a lively seven-hour meeting

### IMF programme begins to bite

lasting into the early hours of today. "We were only just able to meet the 39-million-dinar target set as part of the five-year economic reform plan between Jordan and the International Monetary Fund (IMF)," he said.

#### Price

A government source said the cabinet also considered raising the price of local and imported meat, but failed to agree and left a decision to the prime minister.

The minister said the cabinet had not discussed how to cut 18 million dinars (\$33 million) from the state budget, as agreed with an IMF team which ended talks in Amman on Thursday.

Jordan agreed a letter of intent with the IMF calling for cuts in state spending and revenue increases aimed at reducing the budget and balance of payments deficits.

If approved by the IMF, this would clear the way for Jordan to start talks with its

official and commercial creditors on rescheduling its foreign debts of \$6 billion.

Finance Minister Hanna Odeh has said he expects Jordan to receive \$275 million in credits from the IMF and the World Bank over an 18-month period.

One Western diplomat said of the tentative accord with the IMF: "It's a step in the right direction of sitting down with bilateral creditors. They did what they had to do."

#### Concern

But he expressed concern that the government had decided to keep basic food subsidies unchanged at an estimated cost of \$120 million this year.

Government officials say food subsidies are essential to defend low-income groups from rising prices.

Bankers say the IMF wants Jordan to reduce its budget deficit from 22 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) to two to three per cent within five years.

### Sheikh Issa praises ACC

## GCC-EEC pact to strengthen ties

MUSCAT, April 16. (KUNA):

Bahraini Amir Sheikh Issa Bin Salman Al Khalifa, has praised big accomplishments of the Gulf Co-operation Council and said the upcoming tenth GCC summit in Muscat later this year will boost co-operation and ensure progress and development of its member states.

Sheikh Issa said the GCC leaders, at their ninth summit conference, had approved a draft agreement for economic co-operation with the European Economic Community.

He hoped that the agreement will enhance economic co-operation between the two groups.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

The Bahraini Amir welcomed the establishment of the Arab Co-operation Council and the Arab Maghreb Countries Federation and said such Arab gatherings will serve the Arab cause.

### Praised

The Bahraini ruler praised the Palestinian intifada and said it would yield positive results.

The acceptance of UN Security Council's Resolution 342 and 338 by the Palestine Liberation Organisation, Sheikh Issa said clearly demonstrated PLO's willingness to realise just and comprehensive peace.

The Bahraini ruler reiterated also support of the GCC states to



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assistant secretary-general for  
economic affairs said today.

Dr Abdullatif Al Quaiz, in a statement to KUNA, added among issues to be discussed will be providing protection for national industrial products, regulating real estate ownership, custom taxes in addition to other important issues such as facilitating marketing of products of GCC companies in member states.

Meanwhile, the GCC committee for financial, commercial and industrial co-operation are to meet soon to discuss the economic activities and related issues

### IBM earnings rise slightly

ARMONK, N.Y., April 16. (Reuter): International Business Machines Corp, regarded as a key indicator among US industrial companies, on Friday reported a slight rise in first-quarter earnings of 1.8 per cent to \$950 million.

"Worldwide demand across our product line continues to be good," the company said at its headquarters in Armonk, New York. "Our first-quarter results improved despite a short-term chip shortage that affected some large system shipments."

Wall Street, which sees IBM as a key indicator of how other industrial companies are faring, was pleased with the results.

IBM stock rose \$1.625 to \$110.875, recouping most of a 1.875 decline the previous day when investors had sold shares fearing the earnings figures would be weak.

Revenues increased 5.6 per

cent to \$12.73 billion from \$12.06 billion in 1988's initial quarter.

"The industry is at a plateau," said Michael Geran, with Nikko Securities. "We've stepped down from our pollyannish expectations to a more realistic view."

Analysts said there are some signs that domestic order rates for the computer industry may be improving and overseas sales continue to be strong.

However, they cautioned against using IBM's performance as a harbinger of the industry as a whole. The company, unlike many of its competitors, is currently enjoying the benefit of some strong new products and overcoming supply problems with its new generation of personal computers.

The rest of the industry must continue to battle with fierce cost-cutting, too much product and a wave of consolidations and shakeouts, analysts said.

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Otis Elevator Company, Kuwait and Otis Elevator International held a seminar on Thursday 6th April, 1989 at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel.

The seminar covered Otis Company profile, products, services and vision.

Speakers at the seminar were:

Eng. Mohamed Rasheed — Managing Director, Otis Kuwait

Mr. Jacques Lalo — Senior Area Director and

Mr. Alain Frizzole — Marketing Director.

The seminar was attended by a large group of consultants, engineers and Otis clients in Kuwait. Some facts and figures about Otis:

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A part of the audience

Japanese trade surplus likely to fall

## KD firmer against sterling

### Kuwaiti Dinar

BASED on last week opening middle market FX rates, the KD exchange rate was easier against the dollar ending the week at 290.30 fils compared with its week before last closing of 289.57 fils.

The KD was firmer against the pound sterling, ending the week at 491.91 fils compared with its week before last closing of 492.99 fils.

The KD was slightly firmer against the DM ending the week at 154.70 fils compared with its week before last closing of 154.89 fils. The KD was also firmer against the SFR ending the week at 174.51 fils compared with its week before last closing of 176.46 fils, according to the Gulf Bank weekly market review.

The KD was easier against the Jordanian dinar ending the week at 539.59 fils compared with its week before last closing of 538.41 fils. The KD was firmer against most other GCC currencies.

As to the KD money market, the short-term interbank rates traded lower at the end of the week although they remained within the same range as the week before last.

One-month interbank rates traded over the week between 9.37 per cent - 9.75 per cent.

While rates for longer periods traded within a relatively narrow range of 9.37 per cent — 9.81 per cent and 9.50 per cent — 9.81 per cent for 3 and 6 months respectively.

**World stock markets**

Wall Street stock prices moved higher earlier last week on higher technology shares, firmer bond prices, and futures-related programme buying and later in the week on the belief that the US economy is showing signs of slowing and that the Fed will not

raise interest rates for

two crucial reports, the producer prices index and the trade balance, came within expectations. The PPI rose 0.4 per cent in March after rising 1 per cent in February, while February trade deficit came in at \$10.5 billion, up from a revised \$8.6 billion in January.

**US dollar**

The market over the first part of the week was confused over how to react to Friday's unemployment data, which was mainly due to smaller-than-expected 180,000 rise in non-farm payroll employment for March, coupled with a surprising drop in the unemployment rate from 5.1 per cent to 5 per cent.

**Japanese yen**

The yen opened the week against the dollar at 132.84/89 yen and closed slightly higher at 132.00/05 yen compared to its week before last closing of 132.79/84 yen. The yen's strength over the week was aided by a weaker dollar.

The Japanese director of economic planning agency said the Japan's consumption tax was generally accepted smoothly and there were no big price rises after its introduction.

He told reporters that there was a fear of price hikes using the introduction of the tax as an excuse, but there were no major problems.

A recent report by the National Liaison Committee of consumer's organisations and consumer prices had gone up an average 2.7 per cent after the introduction of the tax.

It is expected that Japan's trade surplus is to fall 3 per cent in April to \$7.25 billion from \$7.46 billion a year earlier, which would be the first decline in the surplus in seven months.

**UK inflation edges up to 7.9 pc**

### Economy is buoyant

LONDON, April 16. (Reuter): Britain's annual inflation rate rose slightly in March to 7.9 per cent, its highest level since 1982, official figures said on Friday.

The increase of 0.1 per cent over February was lower than economists had been forecasting and below the eight per cent psychological barrier which might have renewed pressure on the government to raise interest rates.

Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said last month that inflation would peak at around eight per cent later in the year before falling to 5.5 per cent by December.

The Treasury said on Friday the figure of 7.9 per cent was consistent with its forecasts.

Fears of a sharper acceleration in inflation were spurred by an announcement earlier this week of rises in fuel and raw material costs and wage settlements.

With pay deals averaging 9.25 per cent and rising, some analysts and government critics warned the

country could be on the brink of a wages and prices spiral which could torpedo Lawson's economic strategy.

The government is anxious to avoid the political consequences of a rise in bank base interest rates above their present level of 13 per cent.

Such a move would force a further rise in the cost of home loans and would itself be inflationary as well as further damaging Lawson's credibility as manager of the economy.

The Treasury said that costlier home loans had contributed significantly to the rise in inflation since last July when the rate stood at 4.8 per cent. Of the 3.1 per cent the index has gone up since then, the Treasury said 2.4 per cent was due to higher mortgage payments resulting from interest rates rising.

The government's supporters in Parliament have said the economy is basically buoyant despite continuing balance of trade deficits on a record scale and a higher level of inflation than any of Britain's main trading partners.

## Otis Elevator Company Seminar in Kuwait



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From right to left: Engineer Mohammed Mahmoud Rashid, the general director of the company in Kuwait, Mr. Alain Frezole, the marketing manager at OTIS International Corporation, Mr. Jack Lalo, the Middle East and Arabian Gulf area manager.

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# Saudi banks' assets total \$51.7b

RIYADH, April 16, (KUNA): Saudi banks came on the top in terms of assets compared with banks in the other five countries of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC), it was reported today.

The Jeddah-based Arab News quoted the Kuwaiti Economy magazine as saying that assets of the Saudi banks have amounted to \$51.7 billion out of a GCC total of \$151.6 billion. It was followed by Kuwaiti banks with \$42.1 billion, \$33.9 billion for Bahraini banks, \$18.9 billion for banks in

the United Arab Emirates, \$3.5 billion in Qatar and \$1.6 billion in Oman.

In 1986, these banks achieved collectively a profit of \$727.4 billion, which turned into a loss of \$116.7 billion in 1987. The reason is that banks made high provisions for bad loans.

Using the assets criteria, three banks came on the top. They are the National Commercial Bank (NCB) of the kingdom with \$18.68 billion followed by the Arab Banking Corporation (ABC) of Bahrain

with \$17.54 billion and the Kuwaiti National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) with \$10.87 billion.

The same three also came on the top in terms of total deposits with NCB having \$17.2 billion, ABC \$14.9 billion and NBK \$9.9 billion. On loans and advances side, ABC came on the top by providing \$7.1 billion, followed by NCB with \$6.7 billion, and for the first time Gulf International Bank in Bahrain, which announced a \$132.6 million loss.

Profitwise, the top three were Dubai National Bank (DNB), which achieved \$103 million, followed by NBK which earned \$99 million and Qatar National Bank \$53 million.

On the losses side, 1986 saw three banks incurring losses and the number jumped the following year to 11. The top three in terms of losses were ABC \$217 million, GIB \$179.4 million and the International Bank in Bahrain, which announced a \$132.6 million loss.

## Coffee talks end without accord

LONDON, April 16, (Reuter): Talks between major coffee trading nations to save an international price support agreement ended in failure in London yesterday, delegates said.

They agreed to come back on June 5 to try again.

But failure this time and uncertainty about success in June increased chances that the over-supplied market would be left without international control from October 1, when the present price-stabilising treaty runs out, delegates said.

If this happens, coffee dealers say prices will collapse.

"The chances are more and more reduced we can have an agreement with economic clauses," Hugo Roerig of West Germany told reporters as the meeting ended.

### Accord

The present 74-nation accord supports world coffee prices through export quotas.

Eleven days of talks at the headquarters of the International Coffee Organisation failed to bridge a wide gulf between producers and consumers, split on how to keep producers from selling coffee cheaply to countries outside the agreement.

The United States, the world's largest consumer, threatened to boycott the June talks unless there was an acceptable compromise on the table.

Jon Rosenbaum, the US negotiator, said in a statement: "We are prepared to continue negotiations on the basis of a new or changed proposal which has appreciable support among producers and consumers." This would have to solve the question of cheap sales to non-members and ensure consumers availability of different types of coffee.

### Plan

Colombia, the world's second biggest producer, drew up a possible compromise plan in a desperate bid to salvage the talks but its ideas proved unacceptable to the United States and Central American producers.

Costa Rican Foreign Trade Minister Luis Escalante said Colombia's plan failed to satisfy Central American producers' demands for bigger market shares.

### Plan to encourage competition

## Minister flays oil firms

PARIS, April 16, (Reuter): French Finance Minister Pierre Béregovoy yesterday criticised French oil companies for the second time in three days, warning that rising petrol prices risked fuelling inflation.

"The rise in crude oil prices imposes the need for greater vigilance, now more than ever," Béregovoy's ministry said in a statement commenting on a provisional annual inflation figure for March of 3.7 per cent, up by 0.3 per cent from February.

Interviewed by French radio, Béregovoy said he would encourage more competition among petrol companies to slow the recent spate of rises.

"When the Rotterdam price goes down, prices at the pump take 18 days to react but when they rise, companies don't wait as long. It's just not reasonable," he said.

The price of petrol has risen to

more than six francs (almost one dollar) a litre at some pumps from less than five francs (80 cents) in January.

Rotterdam spot crude prices have risen since December 26 from 77 centimes (12 cents) to 1.19 francs (19 cents). Béregovoy was particularly critical of state-controlled Total Compagnie Francaise des Petroles, the country's second largest oil firm, which he said had gone "a bit too far". Total director Armand Guillaud said: "If companies have the same prices, we are accused of fixing, if prices are different, we are told we've gone too far."

"Why don't they ask the same question of coffee producers?" he told Reuters.

On Tuesday, Béregovoy advised motorists to shop around for the cheapest petrol and called on companies to "recover their senses," after the last round of increases at the end of March.

## More investments planned in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, April 16, (KUNA): Eighty-one American companies have planned to further invest \$358.22 million in Malaysia this year, mainly in the petroleum and manufacturing sectors.

This is on top of the planned investment of \$436.29 million last year in which petroleum and manufacturing sectors also accounted for the lion's share.

These are the findings of the US embassy's survey of American investment in Malaysia in 1988/89.

In the survey, which is the first in four years, forms were mailed out to 135 firms with American

equity interest.

The 81 firms, which responded, reported a total investment of \$4.77 billion as at the end of 1987.

"Of this, American ownership represented \$4.6 billion mainly because American ownership tends to be 100 per cent in the most capital-intensive sectors—offshore petroleum production, electronic components, and banking and insurance," the embassy says in a summary of the survey findings.

It adds that the petroleum sector alone accounts for \$3 billion or 63 percent of total investment.

Lebanese pound slumps to all-time low

## Economy takes beating in fighting

BEIRUT, Lebanon, April 16, (AP): Coughing and rubbing smoke-filled eyes, the workers at the Cortas canning factory gutted in Lebanon's civil war fighting crouched on blackened floors, rummaging through charred cans to salvage what they could.

"Our place of work has been turned into a dungeon of hell," a woman said as she picked her way along wooden planks placed over a big puddle of molasses spilled from burst cans.

The three-storey plant and its big refrigeration unit, which produced canned vegetables, sauces and jams, is one of at least five factories set ablaze when a nearby fuel depot in the Dora district of Christian east Beirut was hit by Syrian rockets on March 30.

Sixty per cent of Lebanon's gasoline reserves and 80 per cent of its diesel oil stocks went up in flames in the Dora fire, forcing serious electricity cuts. With fuel in short supply, many businesses have been unable to use their own generators for power.

Lebanon's manufacturers, who focus on light industry,

reportedly have lost at least \$100 million in a month of fierce artillery and rocket battles between Christian army units and an alliance of Syrian forces and Druse militiamen.

Employees at a factory in a Syrian-controlled area near Beirut said they stopped going to work two weeks ago because "the Syrians set up positions on the first floor and turned the basement into a shelter where they hide from the shelling."

### Losing

The owner, who declined to be identified and did not want his factory's location mentioned for security reasons, said he is "losing millions of pounds a day."

Most of Lebanon's industry is concentrated in the Dora and Mekka districts of east Beirut, which is bombarded almost daily by Syrian artillery and 40-barrelled rocket launchers that fire devastating salvos of 240mm missiles.

Gen. Michael Aoun, the Maronite Catholic Army Commander, repeatedly has accused Syrians of using indiscriminate shell and rocket barrages trying to destroy public utilities and

starve out residents of the Christian enclave.

Lebanon has been battered by 14 years of civil war, an Israeli invasion and a seemingly endless cycle of factional feuding in which at least 150,000 people have been killed and 1 million people—one quarter of the population—displaced.

Somehow, the economy, reflecting the resilience of the people who have lived through all these horrors, has stumbled on.

Complete collapse has been staved off because Lebanon, or what remains of what was once a recognisable state, has gold reserves worth an estimated \$4.5 billion, among the largest in the world.

Some leaders have argued that up to one-third of these assets should be sold to prop up the mangled economy. But political squabbling has torpedoed such efforts.

The value of the Lebanese pound, once one of the strongest currencies in the Middle East, has slumped from 2.5 to 4.5 to the dollar in 1975 to an all-time low of 700 to the dollar.

## Senator concerned over capital flight from US

WASHINGTON, April 16, (Reuters): The head of the US Senate Finance Committee has asked Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady to consider ways to reduce the risk of a disruption in US financial markets by any abrupt withdrawal of foreign money.

In a letter dated Friday but released by Senator Lloyd Bentsen's office yesterday, the Texas Democrat said the best way to guard against disruptions would be to reduce the need for foreign capital by cutting the US budget and trade deficits.

"Short of this, I am interested in whatever interim measures you might propose for reducing the risk of sudden, precipitous withdrawal from the US market by individual foreign investors or groups of foreign investors," he said.

### Evidence

Bentsen cited evidence that sudden withdrawals of Japanese capital contributed to the collapse of Continental Illinois Bank in 1984 and the stock market crash in October 1987.

He cited an article in the Harvard Business Review by a Chase Manhattan Bank executive in Tokyo that blamed a mistranslation by a Japanese wire service for triggering massive pullout of Japanese money from Continental Illinois on May 10, 1984, setting off a run that drove it into bankruptcy.

The article also links the selling of US Treasury bonds by Japanese traders on October 14, 1987 to the stock market crash five days later.

### Factors

"Little attention has been paid to international factors that may have played roles in these financial tragedies," said Bentsen, who during his unsuccessful vice-presidential campaign last fall often warned voters that the country was becoming overly dependent on foreign investment.

The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said the new deputy minister was Tahlash Mazarie, 36, formerly a Deputy Prime Minister in charge of the foundation for the disabled and first deputy chief at the Organisation of Budget and Planning.

## Deputy oil minister

NICOSIA, April 16, (Reuter): A civil engineer has been appointed as Iran's first deputy oil minister, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported on Saturday.

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-COMMERCIAL BN	0.275	0.280	0.275	0.280	0.270	1500000	47
-AHILI BANK	0.315	0.325	0.315	0.325	0.305	3000	2
-B.K.M.E	0.335	0.335	0.335	0.335	0.325	50000	4
-K.R.E.B.	0.335	0.335	0.335	0.335	0.325	1350000	36
-BURGAN BANK	0.285	0.290	0.285	0.290	0.270	720000	28
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Wherever you go in Delhi these days, you are likely to be asked one question. Did you know Pamella Bordes?

## Pamella, a new star of India

By Jeremy Gavron

WHEN last week's Asian edition of Time magazine came out with a cover story titled Super India, most Indians—the joke went—assumed the subject matter was Pamella Bordes and Salman Rushdie.

In fact, the story was about India's growing military muscle, but the joke reveals India's obsession with its two expatriate scandal stars.

India is the world's second largest nation and its biggest democracy, but many Indians feel the country does not have the place in world affairs it deserves. China, not India, has a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council. Japan, rather than India, is the new economic superpower. And Russia has grabbed the role India would have liked as world peacemaker.

So when one Indian stirs up world diplomacy and another threatens security in the old colonial power's backyard, it is a time for sneaking, but still joyous, national satisfaction. R. K. Laxman, the Times of India cartoonist, summed this up in a cartoon showing Thatcher leaning out of the window at No. 10, shouting despairingly, "Indians! Indians! Bombay-born Indians!"

This is not to say that India has greeted the Rushdie and Bordes affairs with equal pleasure. Rushdie, with his slightly devilish countenance and his blasphemous book, has been generally condemned for his behaviour. Some in India have supported The Satanic Verses in the name of free speech, but most people across the sub-continent, Hindu, Muslim or Buddhist, have shown little sym-

pathy for its author.

Pamella Bordes, on the other hand, has excited little but adoration. While ministers, editors and royals in Britain rush to disassociate themselves from the new Mata Hari, Indian men have fallen over each other to claim that Pam stayed in their apartment a few years back.

One boyfriend boasted of Pamella taking into a corner after a game of tennis and whipping off her T-shirt. "Many people are suddenly claiming to know Pamella," mocked one magazine.

"Wherever you go in Delhi these days," wrote columnist Tavleen Singh in the Indian Express, "drawing rooms, restaurants, offices, bazaars, you are likely to be asked one question: did you know Pamella Bordes?"

In Delhi, where Pamella went to school, she is a Delhi girl. In Bombay, where she began modelling, she is a Bombay girl. Only the community to which she actually belongs, the Haryana Jats, conservative Hindu farmers, has hesitated to claim her with open arms.

And Pam's mother, whose soldier husband was killed in the 1962 war with China, has received short public shrift for complaining that her estranged daughter has ruined the family reputation.

Pamella Bordes is not the kind of girl-next-door the average Indian man would want to marry. Indian women shudder deliciously at her behaviour. But in this conservative society, she represents much that the Delhi and Bombay socialites fantasise about but would never dare to do.

Even the serious Indian political magazine have pages of titillating gossip about the loves

and nightlives of the "film" stars. But while these sex goddesses go no further on screen than a wet sari and often publicly announce their virginity, Pamella has plunged openly into the world of society and big-time sex.

"Pamela..." read the advertising copy for one weekly, beside a photograph of a chubby young Pamella in a bathing suit. "The most glittering of the glitterati, over whom politicians fawned and famous editors fought."

None of the seamy side of a tabloid scandal has been taken up by the Indian press. Colin Monaghan and Andrew Neil are, to the Indians, the ultimate in globe-trotting high society. And no one reading profiles of Pamella in Indian magazines would dream that she might be a *bimbis*.

Judging by dinner table talk and letters in the newspapers, Pamella has become nothing less than a heroine on the grandest scale. "Hats off to this enterprising, gutsy young lady," wrote one reader, while another penned a poem that ends: "Is she in heaven/or is she in hell/that damned elusive Pamella."

The respected Sunday Observer (no relation to the UK version) even went so far as to suggest Pamella represents colonialism in reverse. "A case," the newspaper gloated in an editorial, "of the former colony getting its own back against the Raj."

Indeed, the delight of the Sunday Observer, has no bounds. "Atta girl," the paper cheered. "Sock it to them. Show those fuddy dudies that whatever Christine Keeler could do, an Indian girl can do even better. Eat your heart out Keeler."



Pamella Bordes: tired of life as a good-time girl and the conflicting demands made by powerful men, she felt she was destined for higher things

start a new life as an actress.

There were plans for her to star in a film, based roughly on the kind of life she might herself have led but which—because she had kissed but not told—would have added truth-or-fiction appeal.

It was when Pamella was discovered in Bali, genuinely by chance, that the strategy went wrong. Besieged by pressmen, she talked and talked again, and sold her story. The rest will soon be history.

If the official campaign went wrong, what did it matter when natural events took over so effectively from art, with pictures of her swollen, grazed face (genuine, and not contrived) inviting the headline "Battered beauty?"

John Battsek of Palace Productions, for whom Stephen Woolley directed *Mona Lisa* and, indeed, *Scandal*, said that though they had temporarily lost touch with her this did not mean they had lost interest in her acting future.

Some perhaps, await with trepidation the publication of her story. Not, however, her publishers, because £300,000 also buys the right to edit.

## Bordes paid PR man £10,000 to invent her

Tired of life as a good-time girl and the conflicting demands made by powerful men who grew fond of her, she felt she was destined for higher things.

Acting was a realistic ambition for someone who has been described as a Walter Mitty figure, endlessly adopting one persona or another. "If she talked to 10 people at the same party, each would come away with a different impression of what sort of person she was and a different set of facts about her," said an old friend.

Mark Burca, chairman and editor of *Boardroom* magazine, said that talking to Pamella was rather like talking to a diarist Nigel Dempster. "She would drop an endless succession of smart names, and if you took her to a party she would know half the people there."

Pamella, with her endless contacts in high places, was a gift to any publicist. She met Berca through her Indian girlfriend Renuka Wickramarathne. She appears in the Snaps pages of *Boardroom* at receptions given by the ever-hospitable Berca, and at other fashionably events.

**The "Snaps" are an anatomy of the social world in which she moved: who were Berca's friends and where *Boardroom's* sphere of influence lay.**

Here she is with Charles Daniels, chairman of Pearl and Dean, at the reception marking the company's take-over of *Boardroom*. There is host Marc Burca with Renuka, here Donald Trelford, editor of the *Observer*, with Norris McWhirter.

In the next snap is Donald Trelford again. Nick Adams, Pamella's fiance, appears for the first time, engrossed in a serious conversation. And don't miss Carlo Colombotti, the solicitor at whose party Clifford and Pamella met.

Pamella, a natural self-publicist, needed only an inspired push in the right direction for all this assiduous socialising to pay off with compound interest. Carefully-constructed publicity — the right introductions, photos taken in the right places — was combined with acting tuition for a new. 1989-style Pamela.

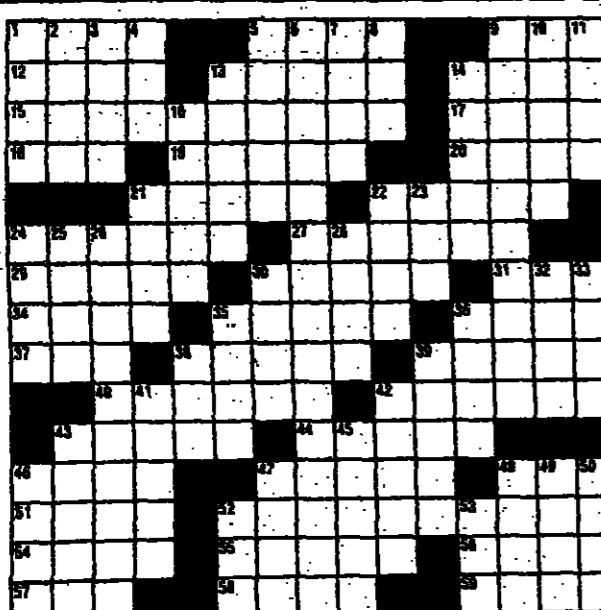
**She was warned to expect a moment of truth, the culmination of the whole campaign, which she would recognise when it came but not be told about in advance.**

The timing was perfect: imaginative publicity at its best. With the public satiated with reports on the film Scandal based on the Keeler-Profumo affair, the *News of the World* (already interested in Pamella) accepted an introduction to her by her old good-time contact, Erica Lea. The story broke two days later.

The strategy was that Pamella should then vanish (as she did), first to Paris then to Bali. She would remain in obscurity until the story blew over, having preserved a noble and sphinx-like silence (with no names named and everyone left guessing), returning to

Pamella Bordes: as she appeared in the Miss India contest

### TODAY'S CROSSWORD



### GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

#### BEAT THE BREAK

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

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**EVENTS****KTV third channel exclusively for sports**

THE third channel of Kuwait TV recently started will be devoted exclusively to transmitting sports programmes, according to a television official.

This in no way implies that a third programme has been created on channel three, but rather a new scope for transmission has been instituted within Programme 2, Jawad Al Mazidi, chief engineer at Kuwait Television (KTV) said.

Speaking of the role of Kuwait TV, the official was quoted as saying that it played a pioneer informational role in Kuwait and GCC countries and was of a diversified nature to cover recreational, cultural, political, sporting and children's fields.

**Dimension**

Transmission via satellite had added a new dimension to the TV as international events could be viewed directly through the TV screen in virtue of the Atlantic, Indian and Arab Satellites, Mazidi said.

The official added that the new Kuwait TV complex contained state-of-the-art technology and was provided through the expertise of a foreign firm considered to

rank at the top among such specifications in the world. Maintenance is being done by the engineering departmental Kuwait TV by staff who have received extensive training abroad.

Elucidating, Mazidi said that the TV transmission system transmitted its programmes through UHF and VHF channels. KTV administration is striving to strengthen transmission through three transmission units. One is at Al Mutaa which opened last year, the other at Al Abdali recently put into operation and the third at Faikha soon to be operational.

**Overlapping**

Replies to a question on overlapping of pictures during humid days, the official said that this is due to a large number of stations in the region particularly those transmitting through VHF beginning from Channel Five through Channel Twelve. The VHF system is difficult to control, particularly during humidity, he said.

On the joint Arab Gulf TV, the official said that several meetings were held in this connection as it is a vital issue.



Hotel Meridien in Kuwait recently organised a team building seminar for its department heads. The seminar was conducted by Ms. Nicole Bretillard from Meridien head office in Paris. Picture above shows Ms. Nicole Bretillard with the management team of Hotel Meridien.

**WHAT'S ON****ARTS****Kuwait Science Museum**

OPEN Saturday to Wednesday, 8-9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursday and Friday.

**Islamic Arts Museum**

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7.00 to 10.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts. Quranic manuscripts; ceramics, carpets and marine equipment. Arabian Gulf St.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**

RAMADAN timings Sat - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon and 7-10 pm. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world on show.

**Saud House**

SAT - Thurs.: 9 am to 12 noon; 7 to 10 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts - rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

**One-Act Play**

MAY 4-7: IAC is organising a one-act play competition at the IAC auditorium daily at 6.00 pm sharp from May 4 to 7. 12 plays will be staged in seven languages. For further details and entry passes contact Tel. Nos. 3904817, 3910165, 3903879, 2644863, 5622599.

**SOCIAL****Filipino Cultural Show**

DANCERS, singers and backstage helpers are needed for a Filipino cultural show, due to be held in June. Contact the Filipino Cultural Club for details or call Florence 2439451/243171; Lito Matig-a 2417965/2417767.

**KAPILKU meeting**

APRIL 17: There will be an officers' meeting at Holiday Inn Hotel at 7.30 pm. Topics to be discussed are as follows: Palarong Pilipino; solicitation and sponsors/donors; Souvenir; and programmes.

**Kuwait Little Theatre**

April 20: KLT. Ahmadi, will present entertainment to celebrate the St Georges Day at Unity Centre, Ahmadi, in the presence of the British ambas-

**KAPILKU's hotel and restaurant classes**  
**Mesina and Mercado show their skills**

THE Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) held the second week of their hotel and restaurant operations class on Friday, at Holiday Inn Hotel.

Homer Mesina, vice president for media and external affairs and chairman of the said classes showed his professional experience and discussed the marketing and advertising trend of the hotel business. He further explained the five P's of marketing (people, product, packaging, price and promotion) and tools of marketing (personal selling — direct and advertising — indirect).

**Defined**

Mesina who is also connected with United Fisheries of Kuwait as operations manager enlightened the participants on the different kinds of approaches to be a perfect marketing man with emphasis on proper dealings and technical know how of the job.

**Encouraging**

Since the inception of the free classes initiated by the association, Manny Inserto, KAPILKU president sees that the forthcoming classes will be more encouraging to all the members because they will be spending their times in more meaningful one.

Co-ordinators were — Sarah Macarimbang, vice president of social and cultural affairs, Jojo Medrano, of welfare and special projects, and Helen Inserto.

On Friday, April 21 will be rest day and the class will resume on April 28 at Holiday Inn auditorium at 1.00 pm. The next schedule will cover a tour to all departments of the hotel, courtesy by Holiday Inn to familiarise all participants the aspects of its branches and their importance to the whole hotel.

This free class is being organised by the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait), sponsored by Boodai Aviation — cargo division (Mabuhay Philippines door to door service) in co-operation with Holiday Inn Hotel.

**RADIO PROGRAMMES****BBC World Services**

0000 Newsdesk  
30 In Praise of God  
0100 News Summary followed by Time Will Tell  
45 Chopin Collection  
0200 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
30 Science in Action  
0300 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Food and Drink  
30 Anything Goes  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 Dangerous in Love  
45 Nature Now  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Waveguide  
40 Words of Faith  
45 Recording of the Week  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 Leaders and Leadership  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Russia - The Drive to Empire  
0800 World News  
09 Words of Faith  
15 Dangerous in Love  
30 Anything Goes  
0900 World News  
09 British Press Review  
15 Food and Drink  
30 Financial News followed by Sports Roundup  
45 Andy Kershaw's World of Music  
1000 News Summary followed by Leaders and Leadership  
30 The Vintage Chart Show

1100 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Tech Talk  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
1200 Newsdesk  
15 My Music  
45 Sports Roundup  
1300 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Russia - The Drive to Empire  
1400 Outlook, opening with 5-Minute News  
45 The Girl in His Past (ex. 3rd The Picture of Dorian Gray)  
1500 Newsdesk  
15 3rd and the 10th Time Will Tell: Who was Hitler?  
24th Opera of the Week)  
1600 World News  
09 News about Britain  
15 Dangerous in Love  
30 Tech Talk  
45 The World Today  
1700 World News  
09 Commentary

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15 Screenplay  
45 Sports Roundup  
1800 Newsdesk  
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20  
1900 News Summary followed by Outlook  
25 Financial News  
30 Network UK  
45 Short Stories  
2000 World News  
09 The World Today  
25 Words of Faith  
30 The Vintage Chart Show  
2100 News Summary followed by Sports Roundup  
15 Europe's World  
30 Sports International  
2200 Newsdesk  
2300 World News  
09 Commentary  
15 The Learning World  
30 Multitrack 1: Top 20

**FM Services**

0600 Opening Easy Listening  
0830 News  
0840 Easy Listening  
1000 Songs and Music  
1300 Easy Listening  
1330 News on FM Service  
1340 Easy Listening  
1400 Classical Music  
1600 Easy Listening  
1700 Latin American  
1800 Pops  
1900 Heber Skelter  
2000 Pops  
2130 News  
2145 Pops  
2200 Jazz  
2300 Easy Listening  
2400 Instrumental Listening  
0200 Closedown

**CINEMA**

Al Andalus Space Balls Starring: John Kennedy, Rick Moranis

Al Salimya A Night on the Town

Al Hamra Ala Ummi (Arabic)

Starring: Ilham Shahin, Mohsin Mohiuddin

Drive-In Al Sharidah (Arabic)

Starring: Najla Fathi, Mahmoud Yassin

Al Firdous Love Story (Hindi)

Starring: Kumar Gaurav, Vijeta Pandit

Fahadeel Open-Air Shoover (Hindi)

Fahadeel Dance Music

Jahra French Quarter Undercover

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Al Jleeb Rangeen Saat Bhai Chamba (Hindi)

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**TELEVISION PROGRAMMES****KTV 1**

11.00 The Opening

11.30 Religious programme: Madrasa: Mohamediya

12.15 Cartoons

12.30 Variety cultural film

1.00 News in brief

1.05 The World via Satellite

1.30 Cartoon serial: Toota Fi Elmarikh

2.00 Historical serial: Al Nabi Ha Huma

3.30 Arabic serial: Daerat Al Nar

4.30 Ramadan game show

5.00 Arabic serial: Al Rahaya, Part 12

5.50 Religious talk

6.30 Cartoon serial: Safinat Al Asdiqa

7.00 After Iftar

7.15 Local children's serial: Al Tammanah

8.00 Cultural film

8.30 Quran and Science

8.30 Ramadan game show

10.00 News in Arabic

10.50 Local serial: Aada Walakin Part 10

11.45 Asakum Min Ewada

12.00 Arabian serial: Al Thuluthiya

1.00 Cultural show: interview with Najib Mahfouz



A scene from French feature film Le Chat on KTV 2 at 11.30 pm.

10.30 Flat 227: Mary and Sandra are at odds with each other in tonight's comedy

11.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: "The Man Who Knew Too Little." Bill Stewart loses his memory while staying in a hotel.

11.30 French feature film: "Le Chat." Starring: Jean Gabin, Simone Signoret, Raymond Damon. The story of a lonely, ageing couple and their boredom which leads to a terrible tragedy.

1.00 News Summary/Magazine: D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

**KTV 2**

8.00 Holy Quran

8.10 Islamic Horizon

8.20 Cartoons

8.30 Wild America: "Woodpeckers." A look at Woody Woodpecker

9.00 News in English

9.40 Forty Hadith Qudsi

9.45 American Basketball

1.00 News Summary/Magazine: D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

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## SPECIAL REPORT

# Fans scramble to escape



Fans are hoisted clear of the overcrowded terraces. (Reuter wirephoto)



A Liverpool fan screams as she is pinned against a crush barrier. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Another disaster hits soccer

SATURDAY'S soccer tragedy at Sheffield in England is one of the worst of a series of disasters that have plagued the sport both in Britain and abroad.

The worst death toll at a soccer ground occurred in May 1964 when more than 300 fans died in a riot in Lima during a Peru versus Argentina Olympic games qualifying match.

The trouble started after Peru had a goal disallowed. Police used tear gas to repel a mob, and spectators fleeing from the trouble were crushed against locked exit gates.

### Crush

In March last year, 70 soccer fans were trampled to death in a stampede at Nepal's national stadium in Kathmandu. The spectators rushed for cover during a violent hailstorm, but the stadium exits were locked.

In Scotland, 66 people died at Glasgow Rangers's home ground in January 1971 in a crowd crush involving fans trying to leave the stadium and others trying to return when they heard a late goal had been scored.

May 1985 was a black month for soccer with stadium disasters in Belgium, England and Mexico.

On May 11, 56 people were burned to death and more than 200 injured when fire engulfed the main stand at Bradford stadium in England.

Eighteen days later, 39 fans, most of them Italian, were crushed or trampled to death in rioting involving Liverpool and Juventus supporters at a European Cup final at Brussels' Heysel stadium. Over 400 people were injured.

On May 26, 10 people were trampled to death and 29 injured in a crowd panic at the Olympic stadium in Mexico City.

# death



A grieving fan sits amongst the wreckage. (Reuter wirephoto)

## British authorities under fire

BRITISH Sunday newspapers were scathing in their condemnation of English soccer authorities after Saturday's worst-ever stadium disaster in which 94 people were crushed to death.

"Despite disaster after disaster, nothing seems to shake the complacency or incompetence of those who run the country's most popular spectator sport," the Sunday Times said in a special front-page editorial.

"Soccer stadiums, and their administration, remain a disgrace. They are filthy, dangerous places that spectators only put up with because of their enthusiasm for what happens on the pitch."

The Sunday Times said Glasgow Rangers had built a modern stadium with virtually all-seated accommodation after the 1971 Ibrox disaster in which 66 people died.

"Clubs that cannot afford to follow this example do not deserve to be in first-class football," the paper said.

"Otherwise football will continue to be a slum sport played in slum conditions, and yesterday's tragic events will be repeated."

**Shocking**

The Sunday Telegraph also devoted a front-page editorial to the disaster, saying the most shocking aspect of the latest football tragedy was that it came as no surprise.

"Patently the authorities have failed. They have no idea what to do. Inquiries are set up after each successive tragedy. New precautions are decreed. But to no avail," the Sunday Telegraph said.

"Football calamities are becoming as much a natural part of Britain's fate as are earthquakes in South America or famine in India."

Scotland's Sunday Mail said once again sports reporters had ended up as war correspondents "counting the dead as they were removed in full view of the cameras."



An injured fan lies on the ground. (Reuter wirephoto)



A soccer spectator lies unconscious on a make-shift stretcher. (Reuter wirephoto)



Volunteers help the injured fans. (Reuter wirephoto)



One of the injured fans is rushed to the hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)



A man weeps openly outside the gate of the stadium. (Reuter wirephoto)

## World leaders send sympathy and warnings on Sheffield soccer disaster

WORLD leaders and soccer officials sent sympathy to Britain for the victims of the Sheffield stadium disaster on Saturday in which 94 people died and 200 were injured when a crowd surged onto the packed terrace.

But soccer officials in Italy said the tragedy raised a question mark over a decision by the

European Football Union on Tuesday to allow English clubs back in European competition in 1990-91.

The clubs were banned in 1985 after 39 mainly Italian fans died after a rampage by English fans at a European cup final in Brussels' Heysel stadium between Liverpool and Juventus.

Italy's Soccer Federation chief Antonio Matarrese said the tragedy raised "grave questions" about the decision to let English clubs return to European competition.

### Shocked

In Turin, Giovanni Boniperti, president of Juventus, said he was shocked and speechless at

the Sheffield tragedy.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia of Spain spoke of an "unfortunate catastrophe" in a telegram to Queen Elizabeth and said: "Sofia and I send you and all the nation the expression of our most sincere regrets," they said.

French President Francois Mitterrand told British Prime

Minister Margaret Thatcher: "I have been deeply moved by the Sheffield drama and assure you and the families of the victims of my personal condolences."

British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe, attending a foreign ministers meeting in Granada, Spain, sent condolences to the families of the victims.

"It's a very dark, sad day for soccer," said Jim Trecker, press officer for the US World Cup Association, which will host the World Cup in 1994.

There were calls for improved safety rules at sporting events.

In Brazil, Tele Santana, the country's coach in the 1982 and 1986 World Cups, told Reuters:

"An accident of this nature is a great setback for soccer."

"This tragedy should remind the organisers of mass-sports events that the spectators' safety is their first duty."

"They should improve safety rules in stadiums and make sure they are kept," said Senator Fernando de la Rua.

South American soccer authorities due to meet in Asuncion next week said they may adopt a rule that no standing tickets be sold at the region's Libertadores Cup, now in playoffs.

In Peru, the Sheffield tragedy evoked memories of the world's worst stadium disaster in the national stadium in Lima in 1964.

## SPORTS

### Results

#### French Cup

PARIS, April 16. (Reuters): French Soccer Cup third round second leg results yesterday:

Ajaccio	3	Nice	0	(5-1)
Montpellier	2	Marseille	2	(2-2)
Toulon	1	Marseille	2	(2-1)
Oreans	3	PS Germain	3	(3-3)
Lyon	1	Souhait	1	(1-1)
Metz	3	Lille	2	(3-3)
Angers	1	Rennes	3	(1-4)

#### W. German soccer

MON, April 16. (Reuters): West German First Division soccer results yesterday:

Leverkusen	0	Cologne	1	
Borussia M	2	St Pauli	0	
W. Bremen	4	Stuttgart K	0	
Borussia D	1	Bayern M	1	
Kaiserslautern	1	Eintracht F	3	
Hamburg SV	3	Nuremberg	2	
Kaiserslautern	2	Bayer Uerdingen	0	
FB Stuttgart	3	Borussia	1	

#### Belgian soccer

BRUSSELS, April 16. (Reuters): Results of Belgian First Division soccer matches played yesterday:

Gent	0	FC Liege	1	
Brugge	3	Club Bruges	2	
Standard L	0	St Truiden	2	
Antwerp	0	Mechelen	2	
Lierse	3	Beerschot	2	
Racing M	2	Charleroi	0	

#### Swiss soccer

GENEVA, April 16. (Reuters): Results of Swiss First Division soccer matches played yesterday:

Lucerne	2	Neuchatel	0	
Servette	2	Grasshopper	0	
Yon	1	Bellinzona	1	
Young Boys	1	Wettingen	1	

#### AMERICAN baseball

NEW YORK, April 16. (Reuters): Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday:

Astros	12	Pit	10	
Texas	3	Detroit	4	
Chicago	7	Oakland	4	
Kansas City	10	Toronto	5	
Milwaukee	5	Cleveland	1	
California	9	Seattle	2	
Minnesota at New York Yankees	-	ppd.	-	

#### NBA games

NEW YORK, April 16. (Reuters): Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:

Atlanta	125	Milwaukee	100	
Indiana	115	Charlotte	105	
Seattle	125	Denver	92	
Sacramento	12	Golden State	110	
LA Clippers	19	LA Lakers	107	
Phoenix	137	San Antonio	93	
Utah	99	Portland	95	

#### World snooker

SHEFFIELD, April 16. (Reuters): Results in the World Professional Snooker championship yesterday (preface number denoted by asterisk).

First round (best-of-19 frames): -1. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-2. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Third round (best-of-19 frames): -3. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-4. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Fourth round (best-of-19 frames): -5. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-6. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Quarterfinals (best-of-19 frames): -7. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-8. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Final (best-of-19 frames): -9. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-10. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Final (best-of-19 frames): -11. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-12. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Final (best-of-19 frames): -13. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-14. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Final (best-of-19 frames): -15. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-16. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Final (best-of-19 frames): -17. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-18. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Final (best-of-19 frames): -19. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

-20. Jimmy White (England) beat Dean O'Kane (New Zealand) 10-7.

Frame scores: (White first) 71-41, 1-84, 12-10, 75-64, 62-52, 81-49, 76-47, 51-34, 39-28, 71-51, 51-26.

Final (best-of-19 frames): -21. Steve Davis (England) beat Steve Newbury (Wales) 10-5.

Frame scores: (Davis first) 35-63, 50-72, 89-23, 57-27, 114-0, 76-1, 124-0, 43-18, 75-64, 1-66, 50-52, 64-53, 98-56, 88-0.

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**SPORTS****Larkins hits first ton of season**

LONDON, April 16. (Reuter): Wayne Larkins struck the first century of the English cricket season yesterday, compiling 126 for Northamptonshire against Oxford University on the opening day at Oxford.

He also played himself into the record books as the first Northamptonshire batsman to score centuries against all 16 other counties and the two major universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Larkins survived a chance at 76 when he was dropped at square leg and reached his hundred with a six off Mike Kilborn as he piloted the county side towards a total of 356 for six at Oxford's Parks Ground.

In the showpiece curtain-raiser to the season at Lord's, Tim Curtis and Gordon Lord steered reigning county champions Worcestershire towards a first day total of 256 for two in their four-day match

against the MCC.

They put on 176 for the first wicket before left-hander Lord was dismissed for 80 when wicket-keeper Jack Russell dived to his right to hold a low chance off Angus Fraser.

Test batsman Curtis fell for 92, also caught by Russell off a delivery from left-arm spinner Keith Medcycott.

Zimbabwe-born Graeme Hick (35 not out) and Damian D'Oliveira (19 not out) shared an unbeaten third-wicket stand of 51 before the close in front of a crowd of over 3,000, including England's new chairman of selectors Ted Dexter.

Glamorgan captain Hugh Morris hit 102 against Cambridge University to lead his side to a total of 307 at Cambridge's Fenners ground. Mark Mullins took five wickets for 77 in his first game for the university.

**W. Indies fight back****Ayub takes three wickets**

PORTE-OF-SPAIN, April 16. (Reuter): Two fine fifties by Desmond Haynes and Gus Logie helped West Indies to reach a respectable 237 for five on the first day of the third cricket Test against India yesterday.

West Indies, 1-0 up in the series after winning the second Test following a draw in the first, were put to bat on a slow wicket which had a surface of grass and was far from ideal for a Test match.

Logie's unbeaten 63 was responsible for guiding West Indies away from the uncertain position of 146 for four when he came to the wicket.

The prolific Haynes provided the early impetus with an attacking 65 scored in just under three hours.

Logie and Keith Arthurton put on 70 for the fifth wicket in 28 overs before Arthurton was well caught at silly point by substitute Robin Singh above his head to give Arshad Ayub a deserved third wicket.

Arthurton had found runs hard to come by, scoring 37 in 237 minutes.

Logie reached his first 50 in the Caribbean for five Tests and hit seven fours. Jeff Dujon was not out with him at the close on five, having been dropped on nought by wicket-keeper Kiran More of Ravi Shastri.

India had achieved an early breakthrough in Kapil Dev's sixth over when Gordon Green-



Ayub: three for 80

ide got an edge to an outswinger and was caught behind by More for 21.

Haynes and Richie Richardson wrested back the initiative with a stand of 47 in 16 overs before Ayub, on the stroke of lunch, dismissed Richardson for the fourth successive time in the series.

Richardson top-edged a sweep to deep backward square and was out for 15.

The important wicket of the in-form Haynes fell midway through the afternoon session when Shastri had him magnificently caught by Wookeri Raman for 63, including seven fours.

Raman, who ran in 25 metres and dived full-length to hold another top-edged sweep, hurt

his ankle in the process and did no further fielding.

Viv Richards, without a 50 in the Caribbean in any kind of cricket for a year, pulled Shastri twice for four and drove Ayub through mid-wicket for the shot of the day.

But the West Indian captain looked well below his best in his 45-minute innings and was dismissed for 19 by the persistent Ayub, bowled trying to cut a quicker delivery that was too close to his off stump.

Logie immediately announced his intention to attack, hitting Shastri for four with a power belying his slight frame. The 50 partnership with Arthurton took only 17 overs.

Both batsmen used their feet well to the spinners, helping to ensure that the final session was the most profitable after 80 runs in the morning session and 75 in the afternoon.

**Scoreboard**

WEST INDIES first innings

G. Greenidge c More b Kapil Dev...21  
D. Haynes c Raman b Shastri...65  
R. Richardson c Hirwan b Ayub...15  
K. Arthurton c sub (Singh) b Ayub 37  
V. Richards b Ayub.....19

A. Logie not out.....63

J. Dujon not out.....5

Extras (4-4-3-5).....12

Total (for five).....237

To bat: M. Marshall, C. Ambrose,  
L. Bishop, C. Walsh.

Fall of wickets: 1-33 2-80 3-118  
4-146 5-216

Bowling: Kapil Dev 13-5-31-1, C.  
Sharma 6-1-23-0, Ayub 38-8-90-3,  
Shastri 18-6-43-1, Hirwani 18-0-53-0



**Leonard prepares for June 12 fight**

Sugar Ray Leonard flexes his muscles before a capacity crowd on Saturday at his training camp at Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, where he is preparing for his June 12 bout with Thomas Hearns. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Mangalore hold off Nagoa I**

MANGALORE BROS beat Nagoa I 5-3 in a penalty shoot-out to move ahead in the Tivim Centre's 2nd annual 9-a-side Inter Village Football Tournament, being played at the Sour grounds, on Friday.

The match started with raids

by both the sides on each other's goal. Mangalore were the first to score when Ijaz scored on a pass from Issac.

Nagoa got the equaliser four minutes later off a penalty kick, awarded when Sunil handled the ball. Donnie scored off the spot.

Donnie made it 2-1 for Nagoa when his shot was deflected by a Mangalore defender into the goal. The first half ended at the same score.

**Thwarted**

Mangalore tried hard to get the equaliser in the early minutes of the second half but were thwarted by a strong Nagoa defence until the 14th minute, when Eric scored to put the sides on even terms. Eric's goal came off a corner kick taken by Martin.

In the ensuing penalty shoot-out, Mangalore emerged victorious.

On Friday, Nagoa meet Little Goa at 4:15 pm.

**Cup qualifier**

SYDNEY, April 16. (Reuter): Israel and Australia drew 1-1 (halftime 1-0) in the final World Cup Oceania/Israel group second round qualifying match today.

**Stewart takes three-stroke lead**

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C., April 16. (Reuter): Payne Stewart took a three-shot lead over fellow-American Kenny Perry before the third round of the Heritage Classic was suspended yesterday because of darkness following a long rain delay.

Stewart and Perry, playing in the last group of the day, had completed 11 holes when play was suspended.

**Shared**

Eighteen players were left on the harbour town links course and were to complete their rounds this morning before play from Issac.

Stewart and Perry, who had

shared the first-round lead, started the third round tied at the top of the leaderboard at 10-under-par 132. Three strokes back were their compatriots Mark McCumber and Rocco Mediate.

Stewart and Perry were tied at 12-under-par through eight holes, but then Perry bogeyed the ninth as they made the turn.

Both parred the 10th hole but

Stewart birdied to go 13 under par and Perry bogeyed, dropping back to 10 under.

McCumber moved up when he birdied the 11th hole to go nine under par and was alone in third place. Bernhard Langer of West Germany, after birdies at 13 and

14, was seven under.

Masters champion Nick Faldo of Britain shot a four-under-par 67 for one-under-par 212 total.

**Mentally**

"It's been a roller-coaster week," said Faldo, who beat American Scott Hoch on the second hole of sudden-death to win the Masters last Sunday. "I'm mentally and physically tired but no matter what happens, I'm still very happy."

Faldo eagled the par 5 fifth hole by reaching the green in two and holing a putt of 20 feet. He also birdied the third and 12th holes.

**Rainey gets pole position****Gardner third fastest**

MONTEREY, Calif., April 16. (Reuter): American rider Wayne Rainey put his 500cc Yamaha on the pole for today's US Grand Prix when he improved on his day-old track lap record at the Laguna Seca raceway on Saturday.

Rainey, who leads the world championship standings after two races in the 15-race series, circled the twisting 3.54-km track in one minute 27.120 seconds for an average speed of 146.031 kph.

American Kevin Schwantz, winner of the season's first race, rode his Suzuki to the second time by averaging 145.555 kph. Third fastest was Wayne Gardner of Australia on a Honda in a speed of 145.389 kph.

Filling out the five-bike front row for the start of the season's third race will be Australian Kevin Magee and France's Christian Sarron, both on Yamahas.

Gardner moved up to second in yesterday's first timed session but crashed in his first tour around the circuit in the second session.

"It locked up in the straight and threw me off," said Gardner, who won last week's race. "It's not a good thing."

In the 250cc class, American John Kocinski, who won the season opener after securing the pole, won the race with a lap of 141.791 on his Yamaha.

**Salov beats Illescas**

BARCELONA, April 16. (Reuter): Spain's Miguel Illescas conceded defeat to Soviet grandmaster Valery Salov as adjourned games were completed in the World Chess Cup yesterday.

Illescas resigned their 11th round match without resuming.

Artur Yusov of the Soviet Union and Britain's Jonathan Speelman agreed to draw their adjourned 12th round encounter without further play.

Standings after 13 rounds:

1. Ljubojevic (Yugoslavia) — nine points and one game more played.

2. Nigel Short (Britain) — 8.5 and one game more.

3. Garry Kasparov (Soviet Union) — eight points.

4. Robert Huebner (West Germany) — 7-1/2 points.

5. Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland), Valery Salov (Soviet Union) and Artur Yusov (Soviet Union) — 6-1/2 points

German boxers won four of the 12 division titles, while the Soviet Union and Thailand each won three.

**Volleyball tourney**

HIROSHIMA, Japan, April 16. (AP): Japan's Nippon Steel today captured the men's title, beating South Korea's Coryo Securities in the final match of the Hiroshima Peace Cup volleyball tournament. Nippon Steel, beat Coryo 15-9, 8-15, 15-13, 15-7 at the Hiroshima Prefectural gymnasium. Coryo finished second.

**Yachting event**

ALASSIO, Italy, April 16. (Reuter): Stig Westergaard of Denmark won the Gold Cup World Finn Class Yachting Championship yesterday, returning to reclaim the title he held two years ago.

**Garcia beaten**

TOKYO, April 16. (UPI): Oriental Pacific Boxing Federation junior middleweight champion Carlos Elliott of the United States scored a technical knockout over Filipino welterweight Archie Garcia in the third round of a 10-round fight in Tokyo last night.

**Soviets win**

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, April 16. (AP): Rookie Sergei Fedorov scored two goals yesterday as the Soviet Union defeated a surprisingly strong United States 4-2 in the first round of the World Hockey Championships.

**Soccer violence**

ALGIERS, April 16. (Reuter): Two hundred teenager soccer fans attacked the referee, players, club officials and police on the pitch at the end of an Algerian Second Division match on Friday, the official news agency APS reported yesterday.

Suhail Gidwani

Gidwani wins last Stableford of season

SUHAIR GIDWANI, relying on long drives and a hot putter, eked out a well-earned victory in the last Stableford golf competition of the season held at the Hunting & Equestrian Club on Friday.

Gidwani (12) who has been in contention for most of the season, won his contest with 40 points from S.W. Choi (11) who scored 39 points to take the runner-up spot on a countback from H.S. Shim (13) also with 39 points.

H.S. Shim, the competition secretary at the club, who has been in the good form in recent weeks, was unlucky when he dropped two shots on the last hole to miss the chance of tying the leader.

**Consistent**

In side competition, S.W. Choi won both the nearest to the pin contest on the par 3 fifth and the longest drive for men on the par 5 fifteenth, while the ever consistent Valentine Hedenstrom won the longest drive for ladies with a mighty tee shot into the wind of the par 5 fifteenth.

This event was the last major competition of the season at the Hunting & Equestrian Club. Summer competition will begin at the conclusion of the Ramadan trophy special competition which is currently underway.



Graf hits a forehand volley against Sanchez. (Reuter wirephoto)

Graf did not give Sanchez much of a chance yesterday, winning the first five games of the match. The 19-year-old with the booming forehand fel a bit from perfection as she dropped serve for the first time in the tournament when Sanchez broke in the seventh game of the opening set.

"Tomorrow (against Sabatini) will be much the same as today," Graf said. "They both like to play a topspin game from the baseline. Since it's tougher competition, I know I have to play well."

Navratilova found the topspin groundstrokes from the Argentine teenager too difficult to handle on clay courts made heavier by a long rain.

"She took away my serve-and-volley game," Navratilova said. "She hit great passing shots down the line. I couldn't serve-and-volley, and I couldn't stay back. What was I going to do?"

Navratilova said Sabatini's topspin was "jumping off the court."

"I was overrunning the ball," the former world number one said. "On one return, I almost whiffed (missed) the ball."

"I am glad I could play my final with McEnroe," Borg said afterwards. "I'd like to continue to involve myself in tennis in the future, too."

**Borg loses last match**

TOKYO, April 16. (Reuter):

Five-time Wimbledon champion Bjorn Borg ended his final exhibition match with a 6-2, 3-6,